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2005 Legislative Changes

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Many changes to motor vehicle laws were passed during this legislative session, and if approved by the Governor, go into effect as indicated:

Senate Bill 1697 amended the following laws, to go into effect July 1, 2005:

- ✓ 316.2095(1) requires motorcycles that carry passengers to be equipped with handholds for those passengers.
- ✓ 316.2095(2) prohibits operation of a motorcycle with handlebars or handgrips higher than the top of the shoulders of the operator.
- ✓ 319.23(6), requires dealers to file a notice of sale, signed by the seller, with DMV for all motor vehicles or mobile homes acquired as a trade-in.
- ✓ 320.02(19) authorizes the Department of Highway

Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold registration on any owners or co-owners that owe money to dealers for fees for previous registrations. This law goes into some detail regarding required documentation, provisions for disputes and the like; look for more details from DMV and in our next issue.

- ✓ 320.131 authorizes DHSMV to administer an electronic temporary license plate system for dealers. Dealers will be required to access the system and enter vehicle and owner information for the temporary tags they issue.
- ✓ 320.27(4)(a) requires independent dealer principals to complete eight hours of continuing education every two years starting with their 2006 license renewal period.

The provisions of Senate Bill 1460, below, go into effect July 1, 2005:

- ✓ 320.02(16)(c) provides for voluntary contributions to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., to be used for breeding, raising, and training guide dogs for the blind.

Senate Bill 468 amended the following, with an effective date of October 1, 2005:

- ✓ 320.55(1)(b) establishes six month registrations for owners of motor vehicles who have had their driver licenses suspended for driving under the influence. The six month registration period will stay in effect during the 3-year period that financial responsibility requirements apply.

Your local tag office will provide you with more detailed information as soon as it becomes available. And don't forget to visit www.hsmv.state.fl.us for the latest updates and technical advisories. ☺

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The Latest Specialty Plates

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It's been a while since we reported on the new specialty license plates we have available. Here are the latest; all are \$27 plus plate fee unless otherwise indicated:

Animal Friends



Proceeds are distributed to the Humane Society of the United States for animal welfare and spay and neuter programs in the state.

Family First



Proceeds are distributed to Family First to promote principles for building marriages, guiding parents, and raising children.

Florida Food Banks



Proceeds go to the Florida Association of Food Banks, Inc. to fund programs to end hunger in this state.

Kids Deserve Justice



The Florida Bar Foundation, Inc. operates a grant award process to fund legal services programs for children.

Live the Dream



Proceeds are distributed from the Dream Foundation as follows: 25% for research, care, and treatment for sickle cell disease; 25% to the Florida chapter of the

March of Dimes to improve the health of babies; 10% to the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions to decrease racial disparity in infant mortality and to increase healthy birth outcomes; and 10% to the Community Partnership for Homeless, Inc., to provide relief from poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

Discover Florida's Oceans



The Hubbs Florida Ocean Fund, Inc. distributes 20% to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., for ocean, estuarine, or coastal research, conservation, and education projects. Other funds shall be used for various projects and programs associated with the state's aquatic habitats and related species.

Parents Make a Difference



The Gathering/USA, Inc. funds personal counseling for parents, marriage seminars, Dads and Moms That Make A Difference seminars, father/son and mother/daughter retreats, and personal parenting behavioral assessments.

Salutes Firefighters



Proceeds from Salutes Firefighters go to Florida Firefighters Charities, Inc. to be distributed according to its articles of incorporation. \$22 plus plate fee.

Support Soccer



The Lighthouse Soccer Foundation, Inc. distributes 20% each to the Florida Youth Soccer Association and as grants to promote participation by economically disadvantaged; 10% to the Florida State Soccer Association to promote soccer; 10% as grants to support field construction; and 10% as grants for

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programs that foster health, fitness and educational opportunities through soccer.

Family Values



Sheridan House, Inc. uses the proceeds to fund residential care programs, family counseling, social services for single parent families, resource materials, and facilities construction.

As always, this information can be found on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's website, www.hsmv.state.fl.us.

Do Your Customers Know They Need a Motorcycle Endorsement?



When you're selling a motorcycle to someone, if you're not already doing so, please pass the word along about motorcycle endorsements.

Tax Collector staff who issue driver licenses share the following information:

Who needs a motorcycle endorsement?

Anyone who drives a two or three wheel motor vehicle that's more than 50 cc.

What are the requirements?

If under 21

- ✓ Must be at least 16 years old
- ✓ Hold at least a class E license or complete class E requirements
- ✓ Complete the Florida Rider Training Program basic safety course

If 21 or older

- ✓ Pass the motorcycle knowledge and skill tests at a driver license office OR
- ✓ Complete the Florida Rider Training Program motorcycle safety course

What else will Florida accept to waive MC exams and add a motorcycle endorsement to a license?

- ✓ A rider course completion card from any rider course sponsored by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (Florida or out-of-state)
- ✓ Proof of completion of a military motorcycle rider safety course
- ✓ Law Enforcement officers only may present proof of successful completion of a Police Standards Motorcycle Training Course
- ✓ An out-of-state driver license with a motorcycle endorsement from any state except Alabama, as they do not give motorcycle skill tests

What are the licensing requirements for mopeds, scooters and other two or three wheel motor vehicles?

If 50 cc or less, they are not defined as motorcycles and do not need a motorcycle endorsement. However, the rider must be at least 16 years old and hold at least a class E or motorcycle only driver license to operate them.

Please visit the following websites for additional information:

<http://case.hsmv.state.fl.us/intranet/ddl/motorcycles/>
The Florida Rider Training Program – (F RTP)

<http://www.msf-usa.org/> Motorcycle Safety Foundation
(Florida Motorcycle Safety Program Sponsor)

Clarification on Conforming Out of State Titles

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There has been some confusion on whether or not a Florida dealer must use the reassignment section of an out of state title, rather than use form HSMV 82994.

According to DMV, unless the vehicle is 10 years or older, or is otherwise exempt from federal odometer disclosure laws, all dealer reassignments on conforming titles must be completed before an 82994 may be used, including those on out of state titles.

Do your Part to Save Florida's Reefs

Pinellas Tax Collector Diane Nelson is promoting the Protect Our Reefs license plate during the month of August. Proceeds from the specialty fee go to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. in Sarasota to fund Florida reef research, conservation, and education programs.

Tax Collector staff will be actively promoting the plate by wearing Reef t-shirts, and special inserts will go out with renewal notices. You can do your part to support Florida's fragile coral reef systems by promoting the Protect Our Reefs plate in your own dealerships. Contact Rita Gillin at 464-4116 to receive a colorful counter card display to set up where your customers can see it and ask about purchasing their own Protect Our Reefs plate. 🚗



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Correction

The March issue of the Dealer Connection listed a website for FEID/lienholder account numbers that is not accessible to the public. To locate ELT lienholders go to <http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/cgi/dmvbulletins.cgi> and click on ELT Participating Institutions. 🚗

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16	Mobile Home Dealer Training
June 22	Motor Vehicle Dealer Training
July 4	Closed for the 4 th of July
August 18	Motor Vehicle Dealer Training
August 24	Vessel Dealer Training
September 5	Closed for Labor Day
September 14	Mobile Home Dealer Training
September 23	Towing & Storage Lien Training