

810-5-75-.68 Title Procedure –Exemptions from Titling.

(1) Effective January 1, 2012, no certificate of title shall be issued for any trailer, semi-trailer, travel trailer, or utility trailer more than twenty (20) model years old. This exemption is applicable on January 1 of each year and applies to all trailers, semi-trailers, travel trailers, and utility trailers with a model year, as designated by the manufacturer, older than twenty (20) years from the current calendar year.

Example: As of January 1, 2012, all 1991 and prior year model trailers, semi-trailers, travel trailers, and utility trailers are exempt from the titling provisions of Chapter 8, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) Effective January 1, 2012, no certificate of title shall be issued for any motor vehicle more than thirty-five (35) model years old. This exemption is applicable on January 1 of each year and applies to all motor vehicles with a model year, as designated by the manufacturer, older than thirty-five (35) years from the current calendar year.

Example: As of January 1, 2012, all 1976 and prior year motor vehicles are exempt from the titling provisions of Chapter 8, Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975.

(3) Effective January 1, 2012, no certificate of title shall be issued for a low speed vehicle. A low speed vehicle is defined as a four-wheeled motor vehicle with a top speed of not greater than 25 miles per hour, a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of which is less than 3,000 pounds and complying with the safety standards provided in 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500. The term includes neighborhood electric vehicles.

(4) Effective January 1, 2013, no certificate of title shall be issued for a motor-driven cycle as defined in Section 32-1-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975. A motor-driven cycle is defined as every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed five brake horsepower nor to exceed 150 cubic centimeter engine displacement, and weighs less than 200 pounds fully equipped, and every bicycle with motor attached.

(a) Every motor-driven cycle is required to have a vehicle emission control information label. This label includes the engine displacement. The label should be permanently affixed to the cycle and be readily accessible. Locations may vary. However, the most common locations are under the seat and on the frame rails. In addition, the MSO should contain the engine displacement. If the MSO is not available and the decal has been removed or altered so that it is unreadable, the engine displacement may be established using a title history that included the MSO or a statement from the manufacturer attesting to the cycle's engine displacement.

(5) No title records will be maintained by the Department of Revenue for any motor vehicle or manufactured home exempted from titling under the provisions of Chapters 8 or 20 of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975, or any rules promulgated thereunder.

Example: As of January 1, 2012, the title records for the following motor vehicles will no longer be maintained due to the motor vehicles being exempt from titling by statute or rules promulgated thereunder:

1. Trailers more than twenty (20) model years which would include all 1991 and prior year model trailers.
2. Manufactured homes more than twenty (20) model years old which would include all 1991 and prior year manufactured homes.
3. Motor vehicles more than thirty-five (35) model years old which would include all 1976 and prior year model motor vehicles.
4. All low speed vehicles as defined in section (3) of this rule.
5. All motor-driven cycles as defined in section (4) of the rule (effective January 1, 2013).

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