

810-5-75-.31.02 Abandoned Motor Vehicle Record Request.

(1) The term “department” as used in this regulation shall mean the Department of Revenue of the State of Alabama.

(2) The term “abandoned motor vehicle” as used in this regulation shall refer only to a motor vehicle as defined in Section 32-8-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

(3) Any person or firm in possession of an abandoned motor vehicle is required to give written notice by certified mail to the current owner, secured parties, and lienholders of record at least 30 days prior to the date of the planned sale of the vehicle. An authorized representative of the person or firm may provide such notice. Information regarding the name and address of the current owner, secured parties, and lienholders of record shall be obtained from the department by submitting the following:

(a) A completed Form MVT 32-13 - Abandoned Motor Vehicle Record Request.

1. Up to 10 vehicles may be listed per form using the vehicle identification numbers (VIN), year, make, model and Alabama license plate number (if vehicle has a license plate) of the vehicle(s).

2. Name of individual, company, association, or firm as well as the telephone number, and address of the requestor.

3. Signature of the party requesting the information, or an authorized representative of the company, association, or firm requesting the information.

4. Form may be submitted electronically through a service provider authorized by the department to provide motor vehicle records for this purpose.

(b) Fee(s) as specified under Chapter 8 of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975.

1. Payment of record search fee(s) shall be in certified funds (personal checks will not be accepted).

2. Payment of record search fee(s) may be in cash, if paid in person at the department’s office (do not mail cash).

3. A record search fee(s) is due on each vehicle record requested on Form MVT 32-13 (nonrefundable or transferable).

4. Records will be provided on a certified Abandoned Motor Vehicle Record Request Response statement (MVT 32-13R) for the vehicle identification number (VIN)

requested on a Form MVT 32-13. It shall be the responsibility of the requesting party to submit an additional record search fee and a new Form MVT 32-13 to obtain a corrected MVT 32-13R, if an incorrect vehicle identification number (VIN) is provided.

5. Title and registration record search fees shall be charged for records requested on a vehicle required to be titled. Only a registration record search fee shall be charged for records requested on a vehicle not required to be titled.

(4) Upon receipt of a properly completed Form MVT 32-13 and the applicable record search fee, a certified MVT 32-13R containing a vehicle identification number (VIN) record of all current owner(s) and lienholder(s) (names and addresses) on file for the vehicle shall be provided to the requestor.

(5) In the event department records contain no information for a vehicle identification number (VIN) submitted on a Form MVT 32-13, a certified MVT 32-13R that the department has no record for the vehicle shall be provided to the requestor.

(6) It shall be the responsibility of any party selling an abandoned motor vehicle to provide the purchaser of an abandoned motor vehicle with the original MVT 32-13R (either certifying current records or certifying that the department has no records).

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