

(1) If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated, indecipherable, or destroyed, the first lienholder or, if none, the owner or legal representative of the owner named in the certificate may apply for a replacement certificate of title. Titled owners and lienholders may request a replacement certificate of title through a designated agent of the department or utilize the department's public title portal and complete an application for replacement title (form MVT 12-1). Note: All designated agents must utilize the title system provided by the department to apply for replacement certificates of title.

(a) The following supporting documents and fee must be submitted to the department for processing:

1. Alabama title - unless title has been lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed, as provided under §§ 32-8-43 and 32-20-29, Code of Ala. 1975.

2. Documentation such as powers of attorney, letters testamentary, letters of administration, letters of guardianship, letters of conservatorship, trust agreements, court orders, or additional documents required by the department that support the right of someone other than the owner or lienholder to sign the application on behalf of the owner or lienholder.

3. Fee prescribed in §32-8-6, Code of Ala. 1975.

(b) If there is a lienholder of record on the title, an authorized representative of the lienholder must complete the application unless a separate lien release is provided in accordance with rule 810-5-75-.21 entitled Release and Continuation of Lien or Security Interests.

(2) The issuance of a replacement title will not affect the requirement that each owner of a vehicle, other than a licensed dealer, obtain an Alabama title in the owner's name prior to transferring ownership of the vehicle.

(3) The department will not issue a replacement title when the department has evidence that the Alabama title was erroneously issued or fraudulently procured.

(4) Authorized employees of the department may correct information provided on the application when the information provided is in error and does not match department records for the vehicle. All corrections must be proved necessary by department records.

(5) The replacement certificate of title must contain the following legend, "This is a replacement certificate of title and may be subject to the rights of a person under the original certificate." The new certificate of title will be mailed to the first lienholder named on it, or, if none, to the owner. If the new certificate of title is to be mailed to

someone other than the owner(s) or lienholder, the application must be signed and dated by the owner(s) or owner's authorized representative.

(6) The department may authorize designated agents, titled owners, or lienholders to electronically submit title applications and supporting documents in a manner as prescribed by the department in lieu of delivering the original documents to the department.

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