



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

<b>DATE: October 20, 2014</b>	<b>Technical Advisory RS/TL14-017</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Current Salvage Law and Processing Applications for Certificates of Destruction and Rebuildable Titles</b>	

**Overview:**

The 2014 Legislature passed SB 754, which amended s. 319.30, Florida Statutes and became effective July 1, 2014.

This legislation changed requirements for the Department to declare certain motor vehicles a total loss and to issue a salvage certificate of title or a certificate of destruction under certain circumstances.

These changes have created some confusion for tax collector offices and tag agencies processing this paperwork, as well as the self-insured and insurance companies filing claims for a loss that occurred before July 1, 2014.

**Details:**

The “**Date of Loss**” (for self-insured) or the “**Date Declared Total Loss and Compensation Paid**” (for insurance company) determines whether the application must be processed under the old salvage law (prior to July 1, 2014) or the current law (effective July 1, 2014).

A certificate of destruction issued prior to July 1, 2014 cannot be cancelled/reversed and reprocessed as a rebuildable title under the current salvage law (effective July 1, 2014), as the date of loss was prior to July 1, 2014.

We revised TL-36 to clarify this information and provided links to the previous versions of TL-36 and form HSMV 82363 that were effective before July 1, 2014. We hope this information will help you with filing and processing total loss claims that occurred before and after July 1, 2014.

**Conclusion:**

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Field Support Center.