



INFORMATION NOTICE

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 07/11/23	Information Notice (INFO) INFO23-026
SUBJECT: Titling and Registering Vehicles for Persons Moving into Florida	

Overview:

Counties are improperly processing motor vehicles for new Florida residents, particular for motor vehicles that have a lienholder. Counties should not process these transactions as a “registration only”. Florida law requires these new Florida residents to title their motor vehicles in Florida.

Details:

Section 319.21(3), Florida Statutes, requires that no person shall purchase or otherwise acquire or bring into this state a motor vehicle or mobile home, except for temporary use, unless such person obtains a Florida Certificate of Title for it in his or her name.

Section 320.02(1), Florida Statutes, requires every owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle, which is operated or driven on the roads of this state to register the vehicle in this state.

With few exceptions, customers moving to Florida are required to obtain a Florida Certificate of Title and a Florida registration. When the customer has a lien on their out of state title or the vehicle is leased and titled out of state, they may not have access to the title at the time they move to Florida.

To provide immediate customer service to our new residents, we have allowed a registration to be issued while we wait for the title to be received from the lienholder or lessor. These license plates are issued with a “Registration Only” reason code of Out of State Lienholder (OL) or Documents Pending (DP), for an out of state lessor.

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Help Desk.