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INFORMATION NOTICE

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 03/25/25	Information Notice (INFO) INFO 25-005
SUBJECT: Application for Judgment Lien on Motor Vehicle or Vessel – HSMV 82161	

Overview:

Section 319.24, Florida Statutes, provides that if a holder of a judgment lien certificate issued pursuant to Section 55.202(2), Florida Statutes, by the Florida Department of State, desires to place a lien on the personal property of the owner of a motor vehicle or vessel, the judgment lienholder must send a written request to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), together with a copy of the lienholder's judgment lien certificate.

Details:

A customer who has been awarded a judgment lien certificate from the Florida Department of State may request a lien be added on a judgment debtor's motor vehicle or vessel certificate of Florida title by submitting the form [Application for Notice of Judgment Lien on Motor Vehicle or Vessel – HSMV 82161](#). Along with the form the customer must submit a copy of the judgment lien certificate.

Verify the judgment lien certificate presented by using the Judgment Filing Number and the following link: <https://dos.sunbiz.org/jlidet.html>. Before the lien is recorded, verify the information displayed online matches the judgment lien certificate presented and the completed form [HSMV 82161](#).

For further instructions for recording a judgment lien certificate refer to [TL-32 Notice of Lien, Subsequent Lien Actions and Court Orders](#), Documentation Required and Special instructions section, F. Judgment Lien Certificate.

If the same judgment lienholder is attempting to submit a second judgment lien certificate against the same judgment debtor's motor vehicle or vessel for which the first judgment lien

certificate has already been recorded on the certificate of Florida title, please refer to [TL-33 Lien Satisfactions and Alternate Methods of Removal of Recorded Liens](#), Alternate Method of Removal of Recorded Liens section, B. Judgment Lien Certificate.

Conclusion:

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