Legal Authority

Section 328.72(6), Florida Statutes, provides for a change of classification on a vessel from recreational to commercial or from commercial to recreational. The owner should forward their current registration certificate to a county tax collector's office with the appropriate fee. A new registration certificate will be issued in the owner's name.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist Tax Collector Employees, License Plate Agents and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for protecting home addresses and other personal information for specific active and former public officials, victims of domestic violence and current or former servicemembers and their families serving since September 11, 2001.

Documentation and Special Instructions

The owner must submit form HSMV 87015, "Application for Duplicate Registration, Replacement Decal and Change of Classification," along with the current registration to the tax collector’s office. If the owner cannot provide the current registration, be sure the appropriate certification block has been checked indicating why the original certificate of registration is not available.
**Miscellaneous Information**

A. An applicant requesting a change of use from *recreational* to commercial for a vessel *weighing* five net tons or more should be advised that federal law may require the vessel *to* be federally documented.

B. *The service fee* is retained by the county tax collector's office, and the FRVIS *fee* is sent to the department. When a *vessel* owner is a nonresident or alien (*see Exhibit A*), a $50 non/resident/alien commercial fee *will be charged* for each vessel *that is* changed from a *recreational use* to a *commercial use*.

C. The *completed form HSMV 87015, does not need to be submitted to the department*.

**List of Exhibits**

1. Definitions

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EXHIBIT A
DEFINITIONS

ALIEN: A person who is not a citizen of the United States.

NONRESIDENT: A citizen of the United States who has not established residence in this state and has not continuously resided in this state for one year and in one county for the six months immediately preceding the initiation of a vessel titling or registration action.