

# Florida

## Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### *Division of Motorist Services*

PROCEDURE	SUBJECT:		
VSRS-05	REPLACEMENT VESSEL DECAL		
<b>DESCRIPTION AND USE:</b>			
THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT VESSEL DECAL.			
<p><b>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</b></p> <p><u>Section 328.48(6), Florida Statutes, provides that when a vessel decal has been stolen, the owner of the vessel for which the decal was issued shall make application for a replacement. The application shall contain the decal number being replaced and a statement that the item was stolen. If the application includes a copy of the police report prepared in response to a report of a stolen decal, such decal shall be replaced at no charge.</u></p> <p><u>Section 328.48(7), Florida Statutes states that any decal lost in the mail may be replaced at no charge. The service charge shall not be applied to this replacement; however, the application for a replacement shall contain a statement of such fact, the decal number, and the date issued.</u></p> <p>Section 328.72(5), Florida Statutes, provides that a decal may be issued to replace a lost or misplaced decal by submitting a request form (by the registered owner or an appointed representative) for such replacement decal to a county tax collector's office.</p>			
<p><b>II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b></p> <p>Application for replacement decals must be processed by the local county license plate agency. The applicant must submit the following:</p> <p><b>A.</b> Form HSMV 87015, Application for Duplicate Registration, Replacement Decal and Change of Classification, must be completed and signed. If the registration is in joint ownership, only one owner has to sign the application.</p> <p><b>B.</b> <u>If the decal was stolen, a copy of the police report must be submitted for the decal to be replaced at no charge.</u></p>			
<p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Added Sections 328.48(6) and 328.48(7), F.S., to clarify how the license plate agencies need to process a replacement decal when it has been reported stolen. Added information on page 1 and created second page for miscellaneous information.</i></p>			
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**III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

- A. The completed application may be retained by the tax collector's office or returned to the applicant.**
  
- B. When issuing a replacement decal, process the transaction as a registration replacement decal. The vessel owner should either turn in the old registration certificate or check the appropriate block on the HSMV 87015 "Application for Duplicate Registration, Replacement Decal and Change of Classification" indicating why the original certificate of registration is not available.**

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