

# Florida

## Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### *Division of Motorist Services*

PROCEDURE  RS-60	SUBJECT:  AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES
<b>DESCRIPTION AND USE:</b> THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES ON AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES.	
<p>I.        PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Through a legal opinion (Docket DMV 85-33) these vehicles are included under the definition of motor vehicle in section 320.01(1), Florida Statutes, and must be registered as such.</p> <p>In this same legal opinion it also stated that a title is required under sections 319.20 and 319.21, Florida Statutes, when a title has been issued under this law there will be no title issued under section 328.03, Florida Statutes, for vessels.</p> <p><b><u>Section 328.48(2), Florida Statutes, requires all vessels operated on the waters of the state to be registered, either as recreational or commercial, except as follows:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>A vessel used exclusively on private lakes and ponds.</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>A vessel owned by the United States Government.</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat.</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>A non-motor-powered vessel.</u></b></li> </ul> <p>II.       GENERAL INFORMATION:</p> <p>These vehicles are subject to registration as a motor vehicle and vessel.</p> <p>A.       MOTOR VEHICLE:</p> <p>Upon compliance of the following a Florida Certificate of Title, license plate and validation decal will be issued:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.       The application for title is processed using all documents required for a regular vehicle, using vehicle type "AU" for auto.</li> <li>2.       Proof of Florida insurance is required.</li> </ol>	
<b><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Corrected Florida Statutes 328.42(2) to 328.48(2) on page 1 and corrected name of form HSMV 87244 on page 2.</i></b>	
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<p style="margin-left: 40px;">3. These vehicles may have various classifications. Some are classed as a passenger vehicle, bus or for-hire.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4. License plate fees are required according to the weight of the vehicle and the appropriate class code.</p> <p>B. VESSEL:</p> <p>Upon compliance of the following a FL number and annual vessel decal will be issued:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. Copy of HSMV 82041. As long as a title has been issued <b><u>as a motor vehicle, a registration only will be issued</u></b> creating a duplicate VIN record, using vehicle type "VS" for vessel.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. HSMV 87244, <b><u>Application to Register Non-titled Vessel</u></b>.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3. Fee according to length.</p>	
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