

# Florida

## Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### *Division of Motorist Services*

PROCEDURE  VSRS-13	SUBJECT:  GOVERNMENT REGISTRATIONS/DECALS		
DESCRIPTION AND USE:  THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GOVERNMENT REGISTRATIONS/DECALS.			
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Section 328.48(3), Florida Statutes, provides for the issuance of <b><u>certificates of registration, numbers and decals for city, county, and state-owned vessels, charging only the service fees, provided the vessels are used for purposes other than recreation.</u></b></p> <p>II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b><u>Submit the following documentation to the tax collector's office for processing:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NOTE: The vessel will be assigned a "FL" number, certificate of registration and decal by the county tax collector's office.</u></b></p> <p>A. Original Application for Government Registration (must be operated by city, county or state and cannot be used for recreational purposes).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of ownership.</li> <li>2. Form HSMV <b><u>87244, Application To Register Non-Titled Vessels, accurately completed.</u></b></li> <li>3. Service fees.</li> </ol> <p>B. Original Application for Government Registration in Conjunction with a Title Application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of ownership.</li> <li>2. Form HSMV 82040, <b><u>Application for Certificate of Title with/without Registration, or HSMV 82041, Application for Vehicle/Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Registration, accurately completed.</u></b></li> <li>3. Title fees and service fees.</li> </ol>			
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- C. Transfer of Government Registration **between governmental agencies.**
  - 1. **A bill of sale from the seller showing the name of the purchaser and a complete description of the vessel.**
  - 2. **Form HSMV 87244, Application To Register Non-Titled Vessels, accurately completed.** The new governmental agency will keep the same FL number.
  - 3. Service fees.
  
- D. **Registration** Renewal
  - 1. Provide a copy of **the** previous registration **or renewal notice.**
  - 2. Service fees.

**III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

- A.** **If a government vessel is transferred to a private individual, and the vessel was not titled by the government agency, the new owner should make application for an "Original Title." It will be processed as an "Original Title" and the registration will be transferred.**
  
- B.** Proper proof of ownership is the same as specified for any registration/title application.
  
- C.** Registration should reflect a use of "GOVT" in use block by selecting "GV" for registration use.
  
- D.** The completed application may be retained in the tax collector's office or returned to the applicant.

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