

# 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>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p><a href="#">Section 328.48(6), Florida Statutes</a>, 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Section 328.48(7), Florida Statutes</a> 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Section 328.72(5), Florida Statutes</a>, provides that a decal may be issued to replace a lost or misplaced decal <b>by submitting \$2.25</b> with a request from (by the registered owner or an appointed representative) for such replacement decal to a county tax collector’s office.</p> <p>II. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>Applications for replacement decals can be processed at any tax collector’s office or license plate agency. The customer must submit the following:</p> <p>A. Form <a href="#">HSMV 87015</a>, 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 must sign the application.</p> <p>B. If the decal was stolen, a copy of the police report must be submitted for the decal to be replaced at no charge. <b><u>If the decal was not stolen, then a service fee of \$2.25 must be submitted with the request.</u></b></p>		
<i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Statutory Review. Updated Statute 328.72 (5). Added “If decal is not stolen, then \$2.25 must be submitted with request”. Added Historical Revisions section and links to statutes and forms.</i>		
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III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- A. The completed application should be retained by the tax collector's office or license plate agency for a period of 12 months.
- 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](#) indicating why the original certificate of registration is not available.

**Historical Revisions:**

**11/10/03 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.**

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