## Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### Division of Motorist Services

**PROCEDURE**

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## DESCRIPTION AND USE:

THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON A CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION FROM NONCOMMERCIAL TO COMMERCIAL OR FROM COMMERCIAL TO NONCOMMERCIAL OF A CURRENTLY REGISTERED VESSEL.

## I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:

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.

## II. 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.

## III. 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.
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.