

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

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| PROCEDURE | SUBJECT: |
| VSTL-41 | <u>DERELICT VESSEL TITLE STOPS</u> |
| <p><u>PROVISIONS OF LAW:</u></p> <p><u>SECTION 328.09 (4), FLORIDA STATUTES</u></p> <p><u>DESCRIPTION:</u></p> <p><u>This procedure provides information for law enforcement regarding how to add or remove a derelict vessel title stop.</u></p> <p><u>DEFINITION OF A DERELICT VESSEL:</u></p> <p><u>A derelict vessel is one that is left, stored, or abandoned in a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition upon any public waters of this state or at a port in this state without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction thereof or docked, grounded, or beached upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.</u></p> <p><u>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</u></p> <p><u>A. To request a derelict vessel stop be placed on the title of a vessel located in Florida:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>1. A written request must be submitted to the department by a law enforcement officer under s.823.11, F.S., as follows:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><u>a. The written request may be provided by email to:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">Derelict@flhsmv.gov</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><u>or,</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><u>b. The written request may be provided by fax to:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;"><u>(850) 617-3946</u></p> | |
| <p><i>This procedure was created to provide instructions for the placing and removing of derelict vessel stops for law enforcement.</i></p> | |
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The written request must include the vessel's derelict status and the vessel title number or hull identification number.

The title stop code "DB" – Derelict Vessel will be added to the title record and will be reflected in the Vehicle Stop Inquiry function in FRVIS, in Motorist Maintenance and DAVID.

B. To request a derelict vessel stop be removed from the title of a vessel located in Florida:

2. **A written request must be submitted to the department by a law enforcement officer under s.823.11, F.S., as follows:**

a. **The written request may be provided by email to:**

Derelict@flhsmv.gov

or,

b. **The written request may be provided by fax to:**

(850) 617-3946

The written request for the removal of the stop must include the law enforcement officer's statement that the vessel is no longer a derelict and the vessel's title number or hull identification number.

The derelict vessel stop does not prevent the registration from being issued as an original, from being renewed, or from being replaced.