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DEALER BULLETIN

USE OF DEALER PLATES ON TOWING VEHICLES

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This past legislative session the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was tasked with conducting a study on the use of dealer plates on towing service vehicles.

As part of this study we would like to remind dealers on the restrictions on the use of a dealer plate on a tow vehicle. The following is the pertinent section of the statute addressing this issue:

23 V.S.A. § 454. Dealer's use of motor vehicles

(a) A motor vehicle owned by a dealer may be operated, while so owned, under the distinguishing number assigned to him or her as provided in this subchapter, for the following purposes and uses:

(2) For some purpose directly connected with the dealer business, purchasing, selling or exchanging motor vehicles by the dealer. The words "directly connected" for the purposes of this subdivision shall not be construed to include towing service unless the disabled vehicle is being towed to or from the dealer's place of business for repair purposes, nor shall it include the transport of crushed vehicles unless all of the vehicles being so transported are properly recorded in the records of the dealer as required by section 466 of this title;

Questions may be addressed to your District Motor Vehicle Investigator or calling the Dealer Unit at 828-2038.

Thank you.



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Commissioner