

321.20A Certificate of title and registration fees — commercial vehicles.

1. Notwithstanding other provisions of [this chapter](#), the owner of a commercial vehicle subject to the apportioned registration provisions of [chapter 326](#) may make application to the department or any county treasurer for a certificate of title. The owner of a commercial vehicle purchased pursuant to [section 578A.7](#) shall present documentation that such sale was completed in compliance with that section. The application for certificate of title shall be made within thirty days of purchase or transfer and shall be accompanied by a thirty-dollar title fee and the appropriate fee for new registration. The department or the county treasurer shall deliver the certificate of title to the owner if there is no security interest. If there is a security interest, the title, when issued, shall be delivered to the first secured party. Delivery may be made using electronic means.

2. An owner of more than fifty commercial vehicles subject to the apportioned registration provisions of [chapter 326](#) who is issued a certificate of title under [this section](#) shall not be subject to annual registration fees until the commercial vehicle is driven or moved upon the highways. The annual registration fee due shall be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year. Ownership of the commercial vehicle shall not be transferred until annual registration fees have been paid to the department.

[95 Acts, ch 118, §6; 96 Acts, ch 1089, §1; 96 Acts, ch 1152, §2; 2000 Acts, ch 1016, §2; 2001 Acts, ch 132, §2; 2004 Acts, ch 1013, §4, 35; 2006 Acts, ch 1070, §3; 2008 Acts, ch 1113, §14, 21, 52; 2012 Acts, ch 1093, §3; 2019 Acts, ch 50, §13; 2024 Acts, ch 1145, §3, 26](#)

Referred to in [§312.2, 321.47, 321.52A, 331.557](#)

Surcharge imposed, [§321.52A](#)

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