CHAPTER 80
REGISTRATION AND TITLING OF VESSELS, SNOWMOBILES, AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES
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AN ACT relating to the process and fees associated with the registration and title of vessels, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321G.29, subsection 6, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
6. A dealer transferring ownership of a snowmobile under this chapter shall assign the title to the new owner; or in the case of a new snowmobile, assign the certificate of origin. Within fifteen thirty days the dealer shall forward all moneys and applications to the county recorder.

Sec. 2. Section 321I.31, subsection 6, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
6. A dealer transferring ownership of an all-terrain vehicle under this chapter shall assign the title to the new owner, or in the case of a new all-terrain vehicle, assign the certificate of origin. Within fifteen thirty days the dealer shall forward all moneys and applications to the county recorder.

Sec. 3. Section 462A.5, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
The owner of each vessel required to be numbered by this state shall initially register it every three years with the commission through the county recorder of the county in which the owner resides, or, if the owner is a nonresident, the owner shall register it in the county in which such vessel is principally used. Both residents and nonresidents shall subsequently renew registration every three years with any county recorder. The commission shall develop and maintain an electronic system for the registration of vessels pursuant to this chapter. The commission shall establish forms and procedures as necessary for the registration of all vessels.

Sec. 4. Section 462A.5, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
c. If a timely an application for renewal is made, the applicant shall receive the same registration number allocated to the applicant for the previous registration period. If the application for registration for the three-year registration period is not made before May 1, July 1 of the last calendar year of the registration period, the applicant shall be charged a penalty of five dollars.

Sec. 5. Section 462A.5, subsection 4, paragraphs a, b, c, and d, Code 2019, are amended to read as follows:
a. If a person, after registering a vessel, moves from the address shown on the registration certificate, the person shall, within ten days, notify the any county recorder in writing of the old and new address. If appropriate, the county recorder shall forward all past records of the vessel to the recorder of the county in which the owner resides.
b. If the name of a person, who has registered a vessel, is changed, the person shall, within ten days, notify the any county recorder of the former and new name.
c. No fee shall be paid to the any county recorder for making the changes mentioned in this subsection, unless the owner requests a new registration certificate showing the change, in which case a fee of one dollar plus a writing fee shall be paid to the recorder.
d. If a registration certificate is lost, mutilated or becomes illegible, the owner shall immediately make application for and obtain a duplicate registration certificate by furnishing information satisfactory to the any county recorder. A fee of one dollar plus a writing fee shall be paid to the county recorder for a duplicate registration certificate.

Sec. 6. Section 462A.43, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
462A.43 Transfer of ownership.
Upon the transfer of ownership of any vessel, the owner, except as otherwise provided by this chapter, shall complete and file with the county recorder, at the time of delivering the vessel, a document evidencing the transfer of title. The certificate of title or a record of the sale shall be recorded by the recorder in the county where the vessel was registered, if registered, or in the county where the vessel was last registered, if registered, and in the county where the vessel is registered at the time of delivery, if registered.

If there is no title, the registration certificate with the form on the back of the registration certificate shall be filed with the county recorder, at the time of delivering the vessel, and shall be recorded by the recorder in the county where the vessel is registered at the time of delivery, if registered. If the certificate of title or the registration certificate is lost, stolen, mutilated, destroyed, or becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if there is none, the owner named in the certificate, shall notify the county recorder of the loss, theft, or destruction of the certificate of title or registration certificate. The county recorder shall then issue a new certificate of title or registration certificate.

All fees collected for the registration of vessels shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the state, who shall place the money in the state fish and game protection fund. The money so collected is appropriated to the commission solely for the administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water safety.

Sec. 7. **Section 462A.52, subsection 1**, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. Within ten days after the end of each month, a county recorder shall remit to the treasurer of the state for each vessel, the fees collected for registration, titling, and other services provided in this chapter. The fees collected shall be divided as follows: 50% to the treasurer of the county, 25% to the county's general fund, and 25% to the state's fish and game protection fund.

2. Every owner of a vessel subject to titling under this chapter shall apply to the county recorder for issuance of a certificate of title for the vessel within thirty days after acquisition. The application shall be on forms the department prescribes, and accompanied by the required fee. The application shall be signed and sworn to before a notarial officer as provided in chapter 09B or shall include a certification signed in writing containing substantially the representation that statements made are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge, information, and belief, under penalty of perjury. The application shall contain the date of sale and gross price of the vessel or the fair market value if no sale immediately preceded the transfer, and any additional information the department requires. If the application is made for a vessel last previously registered or titled in another state or foreign country, it shall contain this information and any other information the department requires.

3. If a dealer buys or acquires a used vessel for resale, the dealer shall report the acquisition to the county recorder on the forms the department provides, or the dealer may apply for and obtain the certificate of title, if any, as provided in this chapter. If a dealer buys or acquires a used unnumbered vessel, the dealer shall apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name within fifteen days. If a dealer buys or acquires a new vessel for resale, the dealer may apply for a certificate of title in the dealer's name.

4. Every dealer transferring a vessel requiring titling under this chapter shall assign the title to the new owner, or in the case of a new vessel assign the certificate of origin. Within thirty days the dealer shall forward all money and applications to the county recorder.

Sec. 9. **Section 462A.78, subsection 2**, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

2. If a certificate of title is lost, stolen, mutilated, destroyed, or becomes illegible, the first lienholder or, if there is none, the owner named in the certificate, as shown by the county recorder's records, shall within thirty days obtain a duplicate by applying to the county recorder. The applicant shall furnish information the department requires concerning
the original certificate and the circumstances of its loss, mutilation, or destruction. Mutilated or illegible certificates shall be returned to the department with the application for a duplicate.

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