

321G.21 Manufacturer, distributor, or dealer special registration.

1. A manufacturer, distributor, or dealer owning a snowmobile required to be registered under this chapter may operate the snowmobile for purposes of transporting, testing, demonstrating, or selling it without the snowmobile being registered, except that a special identification number issued to the owner as provided in this chapter shall be displayed on the snowmobile. The special identification number shall not be used on a snowmobile offered for hire or for any work or service performed by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.
2. Any manufacturer, distributor, or dealer may, upon payment of a fee of fifteen dollars, make application to the commission, upon forms prescribed by the commission, for a special registration certificate containing a general identification number and for one or more duplicate special registration certificates. The applicant shall submit reasonable proof of the applicant's status as a bona fide manufacturer, distributor, or dealer as may be required by the commission.
3. The commission, upon granting an application, shall issue to the applicant a special registration certificate containing the applicant's name and address, the general identification number assigned to the applicant, the word "manufacturer", "dealer", or "distributor", and other information the commission prescribes. The manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall have the assigned number printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs which may be temporarily but firmly mounted or attached to the snowmobile being used. The display shall meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules of the commission.
4. The commission shall also issue duplicate special registration certificates which shall have displayed thereon the general identification number assigned to the applicant. Each duplicate registration certificate so issued shall contain a number or symbol identifying it from every other duplicate special registration certificate bearing the same general identification number. The fee for each additional duplicate special registration certificate shall be two dollars.
5. Each special registration certificate issued hereunder shall expire on December 31 of each year, and a new special registration certificate for the ensuing twelve months may be obtained upon application to the commission and payment of the fee provided by law.
6. Every manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall keep a written record of the snowmobiles upon which special registration certificates are used, which record shall be open to inspection by any law enforcement officer or any officer or employee of the commission.
7. If a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer has an established place of business in more than one location, the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer shall secure a separate and distinct special registration certificate and general identification number for each place of business.
8. Dealers using special certificates under this chapter shall, before January 10 of each year, furnish the commission with a list of all used snowmobiles held by them for sale or trade and upon which the registration fee for the current year has not been paid, giving the previous registration number, name of previous owner at the time the snowmobile was transferred to the dealer, and other information the commission requires.
9. If the purchaser or transferee of a snowmobile is a dealer who holds the same for resale and operates the snowmobile only for purposes incidental to a resale and displays the special dealer's certificate, or does not operate the snowmobile or permit it to be operated, the transferee is not required to obtain a new registration certificate but upon transferring title or interest to another person shall sign the reverse side of the title, if any, and the registration certificate of the snowmobile indicating the name and address of the new purchaser. A dealer shall make application and pay all registration and title fees if applicable on behalf of the purchaser of a snowmobile. The recorder shall award a transfer of the registration number. If the registration has expired while in the dealer's possession, the purchaser may renew the registration for the same fee and writing fee as if the purchaser is securing the original registration.

10. When a dealer purchases or otherwise acquires a snowmobile registered in this state, the dealer shall issue a signed receipt to the previous owner, indicating the date of purchase or acquisition, the name and address of the previous owner, and the registration number of the snowmobile purchased or acquired. The original receipt shall be delivered to the previous owner and one copy shall be mailed or delivered by the dealer to the county recorder of the county in which the snowmobile is registered, and one copy shall be delivered to the commission within forty-eight hours.

11. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a dealer from obtaining a new registration and transfer of registration in the same manner as other purchasers.

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89 Acts, ch 244, § 33; 2002 Acts, ch 1027, §9; 2004 Acts, ch 1132, §30