

**321G.33 Vehicle identification number.**

1. The department may assign a distinguishing number to a snowmobile when the serial number on the snowmobile is destroyed or obliterated and issue to the owner a special decal bearing the distinguishing number which shall be affixed to the snowmobile in a position to be determined by the department. The snowmobile shall be registered and titled under the distinguishing number in lieu of the former serial number. Every snowmobile shall have a vehicle identification number assigned and affixed as required by the department.

2. The commission shall adopt, by rule, the procedures for application and for issuance of a vehicle identification number for homebuilt snowmobiles.

3. A person shall not destroy, remove, alter, cover, or deface the manufacturer's vehicle identification number, the plate or decal bearing it, or any vehicle identification number the department assigns to a snowmobile without the department's permission.

4. A person other than a manufacturer who constructs or rebuilds a snowmobile for which there is no legible vehicle identification number shall submit to the department an affidavit which describes the snowmobile. In cooperation with the county recorder, the department shall assign a vehicle identification number to the snowmobile. The applicant shall permanently affix the vehicle identification number to the snowmobile in a manner that such alteration, removal, or replacement of the vehicle identification number would be obvious.

[2002 Acts, ch 1027, §11](#); [2003 Acts, ch 44, §62](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1132, §43](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1100, §30](#)