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Keep up with many big changes with this issue

This issue of Dealer Details is huge! The articles contain a lot of important information that you need to be aware of.

This includes changes to possessory liens, license plate transfers and Washington County registration fees. Read the articles!

The Oregon Dealer Advisory Committee (ODAC) held its second quarterly meeting on April 26 and received the news about changes to liens, plate transfers and registration fees.

Also, this was the third consecutive meeting where Department of Revenue (DOR) attended and provided information on proposed rule amendments relating to the use tax and the privilege tax. Public comment period for the proposed rules runs from May 1 through May 22. The proposed rules include definitions for 'retail sales price', ATVs, and 'bicycle'. Here is a link to access the proposed rules and related public hearing: www.oregon.gov/DOR/about/Documents/Transportation_Taxes_Notice%20of%20Proposed_Rulemaking.pdf

As of the date of ODAC's meeting, around 350 Oregon vehicle dealers had registered for reporting their privilege tax collection.

Amy Joyce, ODOT's legislative liaison, provided information on the bills that passed during the 2018 legislative session:

- House Bill 4063 set up an automated vehicles task force. The

Business Regulation hours

As of March 2018, DMV Business Regulation will open at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for Thursdays.

Legislature is aware that automated vehicles are coming and there are a lot of things that need to be dealt with in statute.

- House Bill 4087 requires bonds for mechanics if they want their possessory lien to survive in court. If you are not a franchised dealer or tower and you are conducting mechanic work on a vehicle, you need to have a bond if you want to pursue and have your possessory lien survive in court. Please read the article in this issue about mechanics' liens on Page 7.

- House Bill 4059 was a fix to House Bill 2017, which was the transportation funding package.

- Also, starting Oct. 1, 2018, dealers will be able to issue Pacific Wonderland plates at the dealership through Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR).

DMV is getting closer to updating its core computer systems. The Service Transformation Program (STP) is a multi-year program to improve DMV's business processes. The first roll-out of the new

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Dealer Handbook updated in February

The May 2018 revision of the Title and Registration Handbook is available to view, print or copy at DMV's website [www . Oregon DMV.com](http://www.OregonDMV.com). This revision updates the February 2018 Handbook. The Handbook is normally updated quarterly. The next revision is scheduled for August 2018.

You may buy a printed copy from:

- Oregon Independent Auto Dealers Association (OIADA), 1-800-447-0302, info@OIADA.com or www.oiada.com.

- Oregon Vehicle Dealers Association (OVDA), 1-877-541-2277, ovda@ordealers.com or www.ordealers.com.

Changes in the May 2018 Handbook revision are as follows:

Cover Page – The cover page reflects the latest revision date of 05-18.

Chapter B, Application for Title and Registration, Form 226 – The Application for Title and Registration, Form 226, has been replaced with the latest revision dated 1-18.

Chapter C, Application for Replacement Title, Form 735-515 – The Application for Replacement Title, Form 515, has been replaced with the

latest revision dated 1-18.

Chapter D, Miscellaneous Title Application Information – The Third Party Authorization to Pick up a Dealer Expedite Title, Form 7287, has been replaced with the latest revision dated 2-18.

Chapter G, Operation of Law & Trusts – DMV possessory lien foreclosure forms submitted with a transaction must be the version in effect at the time the lien was foreclosed or be the form in effect at the time of application.

Chapter J, Damaged/Totaled Vehicles – The Stolen Vehicle Notification, Form 6927, has been replaced with the latest revision dated 1-18.

Chapter K, Registration –

- Pacific Wonderland plates no longer have a limit of 80,000 plates as a result of 2018 legislation.

- DEQ Newer Model Year information was updated showing the calendar year of 2018.

- If the registration is expired, collect the full registration fees to transfer the plate. If the registration may expire prior to DMV processing the transaction, consider suggesting to the customer to renew the registration.

- The Custom Plate Application, Form 205, has been replaced with the latest revision dated 2-18. The Application for Amateur Radio Operator Registration Plates, Form 231, was replaced with the latest revision dated 1-18.

- Washington County registration information has been added to the chapter. If collecting registration fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts on or after July 1, 2018, the additional Washington County Registration fee must be collected regardless of the transaction date. If collecting registration fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts before July 1, 2018, only collect the current state registration fee.

Chapter L, Vehicle Types – Volumetric mixers are not considered fixed loads.

Chapter M, Fees – Washington County registration information has been added to the chapter. If collecting registration fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts on or after July 1, 2018, the additional Washington County registration fee must be collected regardless of the transaction date. If collecting registration fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts before July 1, 2018, only collect the current state registration fee.

Chapter R, Dealers – Trailers are subject to the privilege tax. DMV will work with the Department of Revenue to clarify which trailers may be exempt and provide that in the next Handbook update.

Dave Adams

Vehicle Policy

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computer system is Jan. 22, 2019, where vehicle-related transactions will be entered into the new system. The second roll-out is scheduled for July 2020.

Craig Austin presented STP information at the ODAC meeting and discussed DMV's need to collect Employer Identification Numbers from its customers. The federal EIN – also known as the Federal Tax Identification Number, and we are calling it the

FEIN – will be used as an identifier for vehicle dealers and dismantlers, and other DMV-certified businesses in the new system. Please read the article about the FEIN on Page 5, and if you have any questions, contact Becky Ortiz or Judith Moore.

Chief of Investigations Larry Purdy introduced Business Regulation's new investigator for Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Clackamas Counties – Dennis Keena. Dennis brings experience to the job, having a vehicle ap-

praiser certificate for several years and running a specialty car parts business. Dennis also brings with him a law enforcement background. He even had a short stint on ODAC – talk about well-rounded! We are really glad to have Dennis working for DMV.

Everybody is welcome to attend the July 26, 2018, ODAC meeting at DMV Headquarters, 1905 Lana Ave. NE, in Salem.

Susan Thayer

ODAC Chair

Dealer Sanctions

Dealer	City	Violations Found	Offense	Count	Amount
Civil Penalties					
Bubba's Tire and Wheels LLC (3 YR SUSPENSION)	Sutherlin	Issuing DMV a dishonored check	1	2	\$2,000
		Failure to submit title/fees/application to DMV within 90 days	1	6	\$6,000
		Failure to satisfy a prior security interest holder within 15 days	1	1	\$1,000
		Failure to allow administrative inspection	1	4	\$4,000
		Knowingly making a false statement of material fact in a DMV investigation	1	2	\$1,000
Scott Ross dba	Aurora	Failure to maintain records sufficient to establish vehicle acquired by lien claimant as the result of a possessory lien	1	2	\$1,000
Ross RV & Food Carts	Salem	Failure to notify purchaser/lien holder of delay in title documents	2	1	\$250
Capitol Auto Sales LLC (3 YR SUSPENSION)		Failure to obtain corrected dealer certificate	1	1	\$500
PDX Motors LLC	Portland	Failure to submit all fees and documents to DMV within 90 days	2	1	\$1,000
		Failure to submit all fees and documents to DMV within 30 days	2	1	\$250
Cascade Auto Inc	Portland	Failure to submit all fees and documents to DMV within 90 days	2	3	\$3,000
		Failure to furnish title to purchaser within 30 days of sale for a consigned vehicle	2	1	\$250
3G Auto Sales LLC	Salem	Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	2	7	\$1,750
		Failure to furnish title to DMV within 90 days	1	1	\$1,000
Upper Country Motors LLC (1 YR PROBATION)	Ontario	Failure to submit title/fees/application to DMV within 90 days	1	7	\$7,000
All Cars Auto Sales LLC	Gladstone	Failure to submit all fees and documents to DMV within 90 days	2	1	\$1,000
Mars Auto Inc	Milwaukie	Failure to obtain supplemental dealer certificate	2	1	\$500
All Star Auto Wholesale LLC (3 YR SUSPENSION)	Beaverton	Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	1	7	\$1,750
Riccoss Rides LLC (3 YR SUSPENSION)	Grants Pass	Failure to submit title to DMV within 90 days	1	3	\$3,000
		Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	2	1	\$250
		Failure to maintain proper records	2	3	\$750
PDX Used Cars LLC	Hillsboro	Failure to refund collected document processing fees within 5 days of discovery	1	1	\$250
		Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	3	1	\$500
		Failure to notify DMV of vehicle transferred to dealer within 7 days	2	8	\$400
		Failure to maintain proper records	2	5	\$1,250
The Automobile Corporation dba Oregon Auto Center (1 YR PROBATION)	Tualatin	Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	1	19	\$4,750
RV Northwest LLC	Tigard	Taking vehicle on consignment without a written agreement and failing to arrange disposition of money with seller	2	4	\$1,000
		Failure to provide a means of public contact			
		Failure to display an exterior sign			
		Failure to exhibit dealer certificate in a publicly accessible and conspicuous manner			
		Failure to obtain corrected dealer certificate			
		Failure to satisfy a prior security interest holder within 15 days			
World of Wheels LLC (1 YR SUSPENSION)	Klamath Falls	Failure to submit title/fees/application to DMV within 90 days	1	1	\$500
		Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	2	2	\$2,000
Fast Bikes Inc	Portland	Failure to allow the department to conduct an inspection	1	1	\$1,000
Lithia DM Inc dba Lithia Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat Quality Car Sales LLC	Medford	Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	2	3	\$750
		Failure to furnish title and all documents necessary to transfer title to purchaser within 90 days	1	5	\$5,000
Ridgeline Northwest LLC (PERMANENT REVOCATION)	Portland	Failure to submit title and all documents necessary to transfer title to purchaser within 90 days	1	2	\$2,000
		Failure to furnish title and all documents necessary to transfer title to purchaser within 90 days	1	1	\$500
		Failure to submit fees and application to DMV within 30 days	1	8	\$20,000
Jim Lea Benson dba West Coast Remarketing LLC	Milwaukie	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	6	\$15,000
Robert George	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	1	\$2,500
Mark Davenport	Klamath Falls	Acting as a vehicle dismantler without a current dismantler certificate	1	1	\$2,500
James Rossi	Grants Pass	Acting as a vehicle dismantler without a current dismantler certificate	1	1	\$2,500
Scott Webster Schultz	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	7	\$17,500
Vu Cars Care Incorporated dba Vu's Car Care	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	7	\$17,500
Duong H Vu	Beaverton	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	14	\$35,000
Harry Ellis	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	3	\$7,500

NOTE: Fines and sanctions for dealers and unlicensed dealers may not reflect settlements or judgments

When dealers must collect new county fee

Washington County passed an ordinance in 2016 imposing an additional registration fee on most vehicles and taking effect July 1, 2018. DMV is required by state law to collect this additional fee at the time of registration issuance and renewal.

Dealers are required to collect this fee, when applicable, as agents of DMV.

Washington County is charging \$30 per year of registration for vehicles subject to county registration fees, with the exception of motorcycle, mopeds and permanently registered heavy trailers. Motorcycles and mopeds will pay an additional \$17 per year of registration.

Heavy trailers will pay a one-time fee of \$10 (table below).

County registration fees are in addition to state registration fees.

County registration fees are based on the vehicle address, customer residence address or business address (in that order of priority) when registration fees are collected.

Registration fees are collected based on the registration period of the vehicle, rather than the transaction date:

- If a dealer is collecting fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts on or after July 1, 2018, the additional Washington County registration must be collected regardless of the transaction date.

- If collecting registration fees for a vehicle with a registration period that starts before July 1, 2018, only collect the current state registration fee.

Transactions from out-of-state dealers are subject to the fees based on the date the transaction is submitted to DMV, not based on the sales date. "Submitted to DMV" means the date the transaction is submitted at an Oregon DMV field office, or if mailed to DMV, the postmark date.

DMV-related questions may be directed to (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV website at www.OregonDMV.com.

DMV Vehicle Programs

Washington County Registration Fees

Vehicle Classification	Registration Period	Washington County Fee
Passenger	1-year*, Biennial or 4-year	\$30, \$60 or \$120
Low-speed	Biennial	\$60
Medium-speed	Biennial	\$60
Trucks (10,000-26,000 lbs.)	Annual or Quarterly	\$30 or \$7.50 per quarter
Light Trailers	Biennial or 4-year	\$60 or \$120
For Rent Trailers	Annual or 5-year	\$30 or \$150
Heavy Trailers	Permanent	\$10**
Buses	Annual or Quarterly	\$30 or \$7.50 per quarter
Tow Trucks (under 26,000 lbs)	Annual	\$30
Charitable/Non-Profit (Passenger)	Biennial	\$60
Charitable/Non-Profit (Truck/Bus)	Annual or Quarterly	\$30 or \$7.50 per quarter
Special Use Trailers	Biennial	\$60
Permanent Fleet (Passenger)	Biennial	\$60
Permanent Fleet (Truck/Bus)	Annual	\$30
Manufactured Structure <u>Toters</u> (under 26,000 lbs)	Annual or Quarterly	\$30 or \$7.50 per quarter
Motorcycles	Biennial or 4-year	\$34 or \$68
Mopeds	Biennial or 4-year	\$34 or \$68

* One-year registration is allowed only to rental car companies registering new vehicles.

** Permanent Registration (one-time fee)

Vehicles exempt from Washington County fee

The following vehicle and registration types are exempt from Washington County registration fees

Snowmobiles	Class I, II, III, IV ATVs	Fixed Load vehicles
Disabled Veteran registration	Ex-POW registration	Antique vehicles
Special Interest vehicles	Government-Exempt	School Buses
School Activity vehicles	Undercover vehicles	Vehicles over 26,000 <u>lbs</u>
Farm Vehicles	Travel Trailers	Campers
Motor Homes	Vehicles with prorated registration	

Link your DMV accounts with 1 number

Today, businesses and organizations may have various account numbers (or account IDs) with different service areas of DMV. These multiple accounts are created and managed using separate, stand-alone systems.

For example, a dealer with a DMV Record Inquiry Account uses one set of credentials when interacting with the Business Licensing Unit (dealer number) and different credentials when interacting with DMV Records Services (Record Inquiry Account number).

DMV would like dealers, dismantlers and other certified businesses to use a unique identifier that allows DMV to link a customer's various accounts when DMV's new license and registration system goes live in January 2019. Linking DMV accounts held by a business would improve functionality and new service options for all account holders.

Without a unique identifier, some business partners will continue to need different user IDs, logins and passwords for each account. Additionally, the new functionality being configured might be limited (or not available) when a customer has multiple accounts and DMV is unable to link them in the new system.

Fortunately, most businesses already have access to a nationally accepted unique identifier provided by the IRS: the Employer Identification Number (EIN), also known as the Federal Tax Identification Number.

DMV chose to call the EIN the Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN). From some organizations, the IRS, Oregon Department of Revenue and ODOT require an

FEIN. For example, DMV has been requiring a FEIN to apply for a Record Inquiry Account for many years.

DMV will add the FEIN to accounts created for our business partners. This gives DMV the ability to link a business's various DMV accounts even if they are served and managed by different parts of DMV. While there are several advantages to using the FEIN as the unique identifier, three very important reasons are

- Ensuring that the correct accounts are linked
- Maintaining the security of all customer accounts
- Providing account holders with the full range of new services DMV will be offering

Before DMV can link a business' accounts, DMV must first receive the FEIN. DMV is currently revising many of our applications and forms to include a space to enter the FEIN. This will be similar to existing Record Inquiry Account Application where DMV is already collecting the FEIN.

Our business partners will soon see FEIN section on applications for dealer certifications, dismantler certifications, transporter certifica-

More information

- For information on providing your business's FEIN, please contact DMV's Business Regulation Section: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/dealers/contactbusreg.aspx
- For more information about DMV's Service Transformation Program, visit: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/STP/STP_Information.aspx
- Additional information about the EIN may be found at: www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/employer-id-numbers

tions, trip permit agents, and others.

This step toward aligning our business processes will also help create more uniformity between DMV's various service areas and help us convert existing account holder information so customers with multiple accounts may access the full range of options our new system intends to provide.

For any questions, contact the Business Licensing Unit at dmvinsert@odot.state.or.us or 503-945-5052.

DMV Business Regulation

NOTE: This is an update from print edition

This article has been updated since the print edition of *Dealer Details* was mailed to dealers in May.

The print version gave dealers a deadline to provide their Federal Employer Identification Number to DMV. However, DMV

has found a way in its upcoming new computer system to allow dealers to add a FEIN when they renew their certificates.

You will begin to see the FEIN section on applications for new and renewal certificates, transporter certifications, etc.

Plate transfer requirements change July 1

The 2018 Legislature changed the requirements to transfer plates from one vehicle to another. The changes are effective July 1, 2018.

House Bill 4062 amended state law to allow registration to transfer with a plate when registration plates transferred from one vehicle to another and both vehicles are owned by the same person.

When registration plates are transferred from one vehicle to a vehicle not owned by the same person, the remaining registration on the plates ends for both vehicles. New registration fees and all registration requirements must be submitted with the plate transfer. Both the vehicle the plates are transferred to and the vehicle the plates are transferred from will get a new expiration dates valid from the date the new stickers are issued or the date a temporary registration is issued.

Who is an owner?

A person or business is considered an owner of both vehicles involved in a plate transfer transaction when they are:

- Listed as a current registered owner (or most recent previous registered owner) in DMV records

for the vehicle the plates were removed from, and they are applying for Oregon title for the vehicle receiving the plates at the same time as the plate transfer.

- Listed as a current registered owner (or most recent previous owner) in DMV records for both vehicles, at the time of the plate transfer.

If either of the vehicles involved in the plate transfer are owned by more than one person and/or business, at least one owner must be listed as a registered owner for both vehicles in order to transfer the registration with the plates.

When a business is shown as the registered owner of a vehicle, the individual owner of the business is not eligible to transfer the registration with the plate unless they also appear as a registered owner of the vehicle.

DEQ certificate

- Currently, DMV does not require a valid DEQ certificate with any plate transfer, unless the plate is being renewed at the time of transfer.

Starting July 1, 2018, DMV will require a DEQ emissions test certificate when new registration is

required because the person transferring the plate is not the owner of the vehicle the plates were removed from or the plate being transferred is also being renewed.

- Currently, if a vehicle is in dealer inventory, a dealer can transfer the plates with the remaining registration from one vehicle to another vehicle in their inventory.

Starting July 1, 2018, dealers can no longer transfer registration with the plates unless they are considered an owner of both vehicles for purposes of a plate transfer. See “owner” information above.

More information

For additional information on plate transfers, see Chapter K, Registration, of the Title and Registration Handbook.

The Title and Registration Handbook is online at: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/dealers/titlereghndbk.aspx.

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DMV Vehicle Programs

Plates eligible for transfer

The following plate types are eligible for a plate transfer.

For same-owner plate transfers, the registration will transfer with the plates.

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| • Amateur Radio Operator (HAM) | • Antique | • Bus |
| • Camper | • Charitable/Non-Profit | • Congressional Medal of Honor |
| • Disabled Veteran | • Elected Official | • Ex-POW |
| • Farm | • Fixed Load – Heavy/Light | • Government/State/County |
| • Heavy Trailer | • Honorary Consul | • Light Trailer |
| • Low-Speed Electric | • Medium-Speed Electric | • Moped |
| • Motor Home | • Motorcycle | • National Guard |
| • Passenger | • School Bus/School Activity | • Special Interest (SP plates only) |
| • Special Use Trailer | • Travel Trailer | • Truck |

Repair shops will need bond for possessory lien

The 2018 Oregon Legislature passed a law requiring persons who act as vehicle repair shops to have in effect a bond of not less than \$20,000 before seeking a possessory lien on a motor vehicle that the person has performed repairs on.

This law will take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

“Vehicle repair shop” means an individual, corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company or other business entity that in exchange for payment evaluates the condition of, maintains or repairs a motor vehicle. “Vehicle repair shop” does not include a motor vehicle body and frame repair shop.

House Bill 4087 permits the owner of a motor vehicle that authorized the vehicle repair shop to perform work on it to bring an action against the repair shop to recover the owner’s vehicle or restore to the owner title to the owner’s vehicle if the person (vehicle repair

shop) changed the title.

HB 4087 also may provide the vehicle owner other relief like reasonable costs, attorney fees; and/or a judgment that directs DMV to restore title to the vehicle owner or extinguishes the repair shop’s interest in the vehicle.

Franchised vehicle dealerships, towing business certificate holders, and persons that create, attach, assert or claim liens against abandoned motor vehicles are exempt from this law.

If a person has filed a possessory lien and it is not in accordance with HB 4087, the law allows the owner of the motor vehicle to bring legal action to recover the vehicle from them.

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DMV Vehicle Programs

DMV to correct fee collection for change to dealer business name

As DMV prepares for its new driver license and vehicle registration computer system, it is important for the agency to accurately collect fees and ensure that it requires dealers to comply with all of Oregon’s certification requirements.

When changing a dealer or dismantler business name, a \$30 fee is required for each supplemental location.

For example, if a dealer has a

main location and two supplemental locations, the fee to change names would be \$90.

Because DMV has been charging only \$30 for a business name change, regardless of number of dealer supplemental locations, DMV will begin to charge the accurate fee of \$30 per location starting July 1, 2018.

DMV Business Regulation

Dismantlers must verify ownership

Business Regulation Investigators have found DMV Form 6017, Notice of Vehicle to be Dismantled/Proof of Compliance, being misused and improperly accepted by certified dismantlers as a primary ownership document.

The form is to be used only by the legal owner/interest holder of a vehicle, for the purpose of dismantling their own vehicle.

When a certified dismantler receives a vehicle and the seller provides them with a Form 6017 as an ownership document, the dismantler should verify that the seller is the legal owner/interest holder of the vehicle. This is most easily accomplished by the dismantler either comparing the seller’s identification with the information obtained through the dismantler’s DMV Record Inquiry Account, or with a DMV screen print the seller obtains from a DMV field office.

Failing to verify legal ownership of a vehicle acquired under these circumstances may result in the certified dismantler being held liable for the acceptance of stolen vehicles and being notified of DMV’s proposed administrative action against the dismantler.

DMV Business Regulation

Disclosures required in service agreements

A broker (dealer) who offers brokerage services must comply with several requirements as outlined in Oregon law – ORS 822.047.

The requirements include providing a written disclosure to the buyer or lessee when entering into an agreement for services. The agreement must contain a description of the specific services provided by the broker, the fees for the services and any deposit required and how the broker will charge and collect them, and a statement of whether or not the broker is responsible for warranty

service work on the vehicle.

In addition to the written disclosure, the broker is required to provide a written statement to the buyer if the broker adds a fee for the brokerage services to the purchase price or capitalized cost of the vehicle, and if the fee was negotiated with the seller on behalf of the buyer. The statement must inform the buyer that the fees have been added to the purchase price or capitalized cost, and that the fees for brokerage services will be paid to the broker by the seller.

Failing to provide the broker disclosure and written statement are two of the more common violations Business Regulation Investigators find when inspecting the records of dealers who offer brokerage services.

There are many additional requirements brokers must comply with. If you engage in the practice of offering brokerage services to your customers, please be sure to review the statutory requirements and insure you comply with them.

DMV Business Regulation

‘Hit-and-run’ law clarifies duties of drivers involved in crashes

A new Oregon law taking effect Jan. 1, 2019, will expand and clarify the duties of drivers in potential “hit-and-run” situations. Under House Bill 4055, signed in March by the governor, Oregon will now require drivers to:

- Stop and investigate if you think you have hit something.
- Take action if you didn’t realize at the time that it happened but later learn you may have hit something or someone. That includes calling 911 if you may have been in a crash resulting in an injury or fatality.

Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a motor vehicle crash can result in felony charges.

These additions expand on current law, which requires a person involved in a crash involving injury or death to stop, provide aid to the injured, and remain at the scene to exchange information with the person or police.

If a crash involves a domestic animal, the law requires the driver to stop, contact the owner, and provide attention to the animal. If a crash involves only property damage, the driver must stop and exchange information with the owner.

Any motor vehicle crash that results in death or injury, or substantial property damage, must be reported to DMV within 72 hours. You must report a crash to DMV if any one of the following apply:

- Damage to any vehicle or anyone’s property is over \$2,500 (even if your vehicle was the only one in the crash).
- Any vehicle is towed from the scene.
- Injury or death resulted from this crash.

For more information about crash reporting requirements or to download a crash report form, visit www.OregonDMV.com.

Online open house seeks public ideas

DMV is hosting an online open house in May to gather public input on ideas for the future here:

<http://openhouse.oregon.gov/dmvfuture>

Oregonians are invited to visit the online open house to help DMV set priorities for ways to innovate the delivery of DMV services in Oregon and learn more about the transformation effort currently underway.

The online open house will be available from May 1 through May 31.

Feedback from this survey will help DMV set priorities for future projects.

DMV Service Transformation Program