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NHTSA Odometer Exemption Change Effective January 1, 2021

As you are aware, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) allows vehicles that are 10 years or older to be exempted from odometer disclosure requirements. On October 2, 2019, NHTSA issued a final rule amending 49 CFR part 580.17. NHTSA's final ruling amended the 10-year odometer disclosure exemption requirement to a 20-year odometer disclosure exemption. The original final rule included a 2020 implementation deadline, however, NHTSA adjusted that date to January 1, 2021.

The change to the exemption from the odometer disclosure requirements will take effect on January 1, 2021, and will apply to model year 2011 and newer vehicles. Beginning with the 2011 model year, and every year thereafter, states are obligated to capture odometer disclosures for these vehicles for 20 years. As of the effective date, model year 2011 vehicles will not be exempt from capturing the odometer reading until January 1, 2031.

Please see the attached "Odometer Exemption Applicability to Model Year Vehicles" table by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). The table provides a visual example of how the new rule applies to each model year vehicle.

Pennsylvania has learned a few jurisdictions will not be ready to implement NHTSA's final rule by the effective date. As of the effective date, any vehicles (2011 model year or newer) titled in a non-ready state and branded exempt, if transferred into PA will have its odometer reading recorded on the PA title as "not actual mileage."

When agents see any vehicle (2011 model year or newer) with an out-of-state title that already has an exempt brand and are transferring the title into a Pennsylvania Certificate of Title, as of the effective date, agents are required to record the vehicle's odometer reading on the PA record and apply the odometer status code as "2 - not actual mileage."

Vehicles model year 2010 and older will continue to have the option to be exempt from the odometer disclosure after January 1, 2021.

Taken from “AAMVA’s Odometer Rule Disclosure Exemption Change Whitepaper,” below is a visual example of the application of NHSTA’s Final Rule Odometer Exemption.

Odometer Exemption Applicability to Model Year Vehicles (49 CFR 580.17)		
Vehicle Model Year	Date Vehicle Becomes Exempt from Disclosure	Applicability of Exemption
2000	1/1/2010	10-year exemption
2001	1/1/2011	10-year exemption
2002	1/1/2012	10-year exemption
2003	1/1/2013	10-year exemption
2004	1/1/2014	10-year exemption
2005	1/1/2015	10-year exemption
2006	1/1/2016	10-year exemption
2007	1/1/2017	10-year exemption
2008	1/1/2018	10-year exemption
2009	1/1/2019	10-year exemption
2010	1/1/2020	10-year exemption
2011	1/1/2031 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2011 until 1/1/31)	20-year exemption
2012	1/1/2032 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2012 until 1/1/32)	20-year exemption
2013	1/1/2033 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2013 until 1/1/33)	20-year exemption
2014	1/1/2034 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2014 until 1/1/34)	20-year exemption
2015	1/1/2035 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2015 until 1/1/35)	20-year exemption
2016	1/1/2036 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2016 until 1/1/36)	20-year exemption
2017	1/1/2037 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2017 until 1/1/37)	20-year exemption
2018	1/1/2038 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2018 until 1/1/38)	20-year exemption
2019	1/1/2039 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2019 until 1/1/39)	20-year exemption
2020	1/1/2040 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2020 until 1/1/40)	20-year exemption
2021	1/1/2041 (continue to require odometer disclosure on model year 2021 until 1/1/41)	20-year exemption

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