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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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### Changes to the MV-44 Notarization Requirement

Act 15, signed into law on April 20, 2020, now allows for the use of an “Unsworn Declaration” to be used in place of notarization on some PennDOT applications.

An unsworn declaration is defined as a declaration in a signed record [that is] not given under oath but [is] given under penalty of perjury. In an effort to provide the public with continuity and added convenience across our forms, PennDOT is currently reviewing additional forms that may qualify to have the notarization requirement transitioned to an unsworn declaration.

As a result of this amendment, PennDOT recently made changes to the MV-44, “Application for Duplicate Registration Card, Replacement of Registration Plate or Weight Class Sticker,” and replaced the notarization requirement with an unsworn declaration statement. Individuals may now self-certify using the unsworn declaration statement when requesting a replacement registration plate, or if the applicant is entitled to a free re-issuance because the original registration plate, registration card or weight class sticker was never received in the mail and the application is being made within 90 days of original issuance or replacement.

Additionally, the following new wording was added to the form to assist consumers in understanding which sections must be completed based on their request and timeframe of said request:

“Replacement of registration plate or weight class sticker - Complete Sections A, B and **either D or E. NOTE: Section E is required to be completed for all replacement registration plate requests. Section E must also be completed when products were not received in the mail and this application is being submitted within 90 days of original issuance date. Section E is not required to be completed when applying for a replacement weight class sticker that was lost or stolen.** (Fee: \$11 for replacement registration plate. There is no fee required for replacement of weight class sticker.) Do not use this application for replacement of dealer or apportioned registration plates. **See additional instructions on reverse.**”

Please note, both parts of the unsworn declaration must be completed for the application to be processed. An example of the unsworn declaration can be found below:

