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MOPEDS, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES

Effective February 21, 2012, the definition of "motorcycle" in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75) has changed.

This change was enacted when HB 1399 was signed into law on December 22, 2011, creating Act 129 of 2011. Act 129 changes the definition of "motorcycle" in Section 102 of the Vehicle Code to the following:

"Motorcycle." A motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and:

(1)   designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground; or

(2)   designed to travel on two wheels in contact with the ground which is modified by the addition of two stabilizing wheels on the rear of the motor vehicle.

SECOND STAGE VEHICLES

PennDOT has changed how second stage vehicle title applications are processed. More specifically, what year is to be assigned to the vehicle record when processing title applications containing two manufacturer's certificates of origin (MCO).

When there are two MCOs for a second stage vehicle, one for the chassis and one for the body, the make will be both the chassis and body names, the vehicle identification number (VIN) used will be the chassis VIN and the year will now be recorded as the model year for the body. For example, two MCOs are submitted with a title application; one is for a 2010 Ford Chassis, and the second is for a 2011 Winnebago body. The vehicle will be titled as a 2011 Ford/Winnebago, using the Ford Chassis VIN.

This change allows PennDOT to be more consistent with other states' titling procedures for second stage vehicles, as well as, the National Motor Vehicle Titling Information System (NMVTIS).

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