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ATTENTION: Official Inspection Stations, Quality Assurance Officers, and Pennsylvania State Police R21-01 Enhanced Vehicle Inspection Bulletin December 2021

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Conversion of a Truck/Truck Tractor to a Motor Home

This bulletin serves to clarify some misunderstandings surrounding the conversion of a truck/truck tractor to a motor home.

A "truck tractor" is defined by Section 102 of Title 75, The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, as a "motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn."

Any vehicle that was originally designed and constructed as a truck tractor may not be designated as a motor home by the department. The vehicle must be registered with a "truck" registration plate, even if enhanced/modified to serve as a motor home. These modified vehicles must undergo an enhanced inspection following procedures outlined in:

Form MV426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles, and Street Rods."

If the vehicle is modified and passes an enhanced inspection, the title would read Modified Truck Tractor and it would be registered as such. The same is true for a cargo carrying vehicle which retains its original functionality or is used to transport cargo for commercial purposes.

A truck or truck tractor that has been modified to a motor home still retains its original design, which is a truck or truck tractor.

There is nothing that would prevent a truck or truck tractor that has been modified to be a motor home to be converted back to or used as a truck or truck tractor while receiving the lower motor home registration fee. This would become a law enforcement issue. As such, these modified vehicles continue to be titled and registered as originally designed and not approved to be titled and registered as a motor home.

Due to these changes, PennDOT has updated PUB 645. The new revision date is 07-21.

Certificate of Inspection

Upon the successful examination/inspection of the vehicle to determine that it complies with all applicable laws and regulations, a certified enhanced vehicle safety inspector will affix half of the appropriate inspection sticker to Form MV-426B (**based on the type of vehicle inspected**). The sticker must be cut so that the sticker serial number is visible. The reverse side of the sticker must contain the enhanced inspection station number, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and the inspector's signature in permanent ink and must be covered with transparent tape. If a VIN is to be issued by the Department, indicate by checking the appropriate block on Form MV-426B and write "VIN to be issued" on the reverse side of the sticker and in the VIN block on the application. The half of the sticker containing the serial number is to be affixed (reverse side showing) to the appropriate area of Form MV-426B with transparent tape (at the top and bottom of the sticker only). The remaining half of the sticker is to be retained at the enhanced inspection station. Enhanced inspections must be recorded on Form MV-431/480. When recording an enhanced vehicle safety inspection, "RECON" should be entered in the old odometer block. The enhanced vehicle safety inspector must complete the remaining information in this portion of the application.

All forms and publications can be found on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov

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