

An act relating to used motor vehicle inspections

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 466 is amended to read:

§ 466. Records; custodian

(a) On a form prescribed or approved by the Commissioner, every licensed dealer shall maintain and retain for six years a record containing the following information, which shall be open to inspection by any law enforcement officer or motor vehicle inspector or other agent of the Commissioner during reasonable business hours:

(1) Every vehicle or motorboat that is bought, sold, or exchanged by the licensee or received or accepted by the licensee for sale or exchange.

(2) Every vehicle or motorboat that is bought or otherwise acquired and dismantled by the licensee.

(3) The name and address of the person from whom such vehicle or motorboat was purchased or acquired, the date thereof, the name and address of the person to whom any such vehicle or motorboat was sold or otherwise disposed of and the date thereof, and a sufficient description of every such vehicle or motorboat by name and identifying numbers thereon to identify the same.

(4) [Repealed.]

(b) On a form prescribed or approved by the Commissioner, every licensed dealer shall maintain and retain for two years, a record containing the following information for the transfer of ownership of a used motor vehicle, which shall be open to inspection by any law enforcement officer or motor vehicle inspector or other agent of the Commissioner during reasonable business hours:

(1) The record shall contain the following information: (i) the actual-date month in which the vehicle was last inspected pursuant to 23 VSA §1222; (ii) the actual-date-on month in which the inspection shall expire; (iii) whether the most recent inspection was by the dealer currently selling the motor vehicle; (iv) the fact that the condition of the motor vehicle may be different than the condition at the last inspection, unless inspected by the dealer selling the vehicle for the current transaction; and (v) the right of a consumer to have the vehicle inspected by an independent qualified mechanic of their choice, at their own expense; and (vi) be signed by the dealer and buyer.

~~(2) A violation of this subsection shall be a violation of the Consumer Protection Act, 9 V.S.A. 2453.~~

~~(2) The record shall contain a clear and conspicuous disclosure to any consumer purchasing a vehicle without an inspection sticker, with an expired inspection sticker, or with an inspection sticker from another state.~~

(b) (c) Every licensed dealer shall designate a custodian of documents who shall have primary responsibility for administration of documents required to be maintained under this title. In the absence of the designated custodian, the dealer shall have an ongoing duty to make such records available for inspection by any law enforcement officer or motor vehicle inspector or other agent of the Commissioner during reasonable business hours.

Sec. 2 Effective Date.

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.