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Date: December 10, 2019

Bulletin: All Dealers and Title Services

From: Business Licensing and Consumer Services

RE: **SB-84 Vehicle Laws-Certificate of Title Application-Signature Requirement**

This bill is for the purpose of repealing a requirement that a signature be in ink on an application for a certificate of title of a vehicle.

Effective, October 1, 2019, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) will eliminate the requirement of an ink (wet) signature on the application for a certificate of title of a vehicle (Form VR-005). Therefore, **all documents** (apart from the Federal Odometer Statement) are now able to be submitted electronically.

BEST PRACTICE:

- Customers e-signature must be witnessed by the person executing the sale.
- If an owner of a vehicle is under 18, a parent, spouse, employer, or other responsible adult must sign as co-signer. Co-signer is only certifying the accuracy of the information, they will not be shown on the title.
- Printed Signatures are only acceptable with proof that the applicant cannot sign their name.
- Company and Corporate signatures need to have the capacity of the individual stated after the signature.
- Be sure to keep copies of customer identification with the transaction paperwork at your business location and send a copy with the MVA transaction paperwork.

If you have questions, please contact us at mvablesd@mva.maryland.gov.