## §664-A. Resale by dealer

- 1. Vehicle sold by dealer. A vehicle that is sold by a dealer must be accompanied by a properly assigned and valid certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the time of its sale. A dealer may retain and process certificates of title and certificates of salvage at the dealer's primary facility if in the case when the dealer displays a vehicle at an annex facility the dealer maintains a copy of the certificate of title or certificate of salvage at the annex facility. A dealer selling a vehicle to a lessee who elects to purchase the leased vehicle at the end of the lease term is exempt from this provision. [PL 2021, c. 216, §17 (AMD).]
- 2. Vehicle held by dealer. If a dealer holds a vehicle for resale and obtains the certificate of title or certificate of salvage, the dealer is not required to deliver the certificate to the Secretary of State. [PL 1997, c. 437, §20 (NEW).]
- **3. Transfer.** When transferring possession of a vehicle held for resale to a retail purchaser or selling a leased vehicle to the lessee, a dealer shall comply with section 654. [PL 2021, c. 216, §18 (AMD).]
- **4.** Unreleased security interest. If a certificate of title shows an unreleased security interest, a dealer may not transfer possession of the vehicle unless the dealer possesses a properly released certificate of lien or the Secretary of State has issued a replacement certificate omitting the security interest under section 705.

[PL 2001, c. 671, §14 (AMD).]

**5. Sold at auction.** Except for a vehicle sold to a dealer at a vehicle auction licensed under section 1051, a vehicle that is sold at an auction must be accompanied by a valid certificate of title or salvage at the time of its sale. The seller of a vehicle sold to a dealer at a vehicle auction licensed under section 1051 must provide the purchasing dealer with a valid certificate of title or certificate of salvage within 30 days.

[PL 2021, c. 216, §19 (AMD).]

- **6. Documentation.** A vehicle that is exempt under section 652 or a vehicle from a jurisdiction that does not issue certificates of title must be accompanied by information and documents to establish the ownership of the vehicle and the existence or nonexistence of a security interest in it.
- [PL 1997, c. 437, §20 (NEW).]
  - **7. Penalty.** Violation of this section is a Class E crime.

[PL 1997, c. 437, §20 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY** 

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