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Overview

This act amends provisions governing motor vehicle registration and title recordkeeping.

Section

Exceptions. Eliminates a provision requiring that a vehicle's title be stamped with the end date of the registration period when the vehicle is used for rentals by a vehicle lessor and registered for a period that is shorter than the typical 12-month cycle.

Establishes that the registration period following initial registration (of a nonrental vehicle) is the standard 12-month period, starting at the end of the initial registration period.

Centralized record keeping. Amends procedures governing when a vehicle dealer keeps vehicle titles in a centralized location, so that (1) dealers must apply to the Department of Public Safety to maintain vehicle records at the alternative location, and (2) a prerequisite of having at least three dealers under central management is reduced to two dealers.