4501:1-11-01 Application for <u>a</u> replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) plate.

- (A) Any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle, or any owner's insurer, may apply for a replacement vehicle identification <u>number (VIN)</u> plate or replacement vehicle parts derivative <u>identification number VIN</u> plates or stickers in accordance with the provisions of this rule.
- (B) The application shall be made to the registrar of motor vehicles. The application shall be in the form of an affidavit sworn to or affirmed before a notary public or other official authorized to administer oathes oaths and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The specific vehicle identification number <u>VIN</u> plate or parts derivative identification numbers <u>VIN</u> required to be replaced;
 - (2) Whether the identification number <u>VIN</u> was removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed by another person without the consent of the owner, or by accident or other casualty not due to the owner's purpose to conceal or destroy the identity of the vehicle or vehicle part, or by ordinary wear and tear; and
 - (3) Such other information as the registrar may prescribe.
- (C) The application shall be accompanied by a valid Ohio certificate of title or certificate of title or other lawful evidence of title issued in another state, in a clear chain of title beginning with the manufacturer, satisfactory to the registrar. The registrar may require as a part of the application process that the owner obtain an Ohio certificate of title prior to the installation of the replacement identification VIN plates or stickers.
- (D) The applicant shall submit evidence, satisfactory to the registrar, to show that the original identity of the vehicle can be established in a manner that excludes any reasonable probability that the vehicle has been stolen from another person. An official report by a peace officer, trooper of the state highway patrol, or authorized representative of the registrar may be used to satisfy this requirement.
- (E) The registrar shall send by regular mail or other appropriate means the Ohio certificate of title or other lawful evidence of ownership approved by the registrar to the appropriate clerk of courts, and shall notify the owner that the title has been sent to the clerk of courts.

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