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Title 55 - Motor and Other Vehicles

Chapter 3 - Certificates of Title

Part 1 - General Provisions

55-3-102 - Driving or moving unregistered vehicle upon highway a misdemeanor Exception.

55-3-102. Driving or moving unregistered vehicle upon highway a misdemeanor Exception.

(a) It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to:

(1) Drive or move or for any owner knowingly to permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle of a type required to be registered under chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title that is not registered or for which the appropriate fee has not been paid when and as required under chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title; or

(2) Operate or for any owner knowingly to permit to be operated on lands, other than a highway, an off-highway motor vehicle for which certificate of title has not been issued or for which the appropriate fee has not been paid when and as required under chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title;

(3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a)(1) and (2), when application accompanied by proper fee has been made for a certificate of title for a vehicle, the vehicle may be operated temporarily pending issuance of a certificate of title upon displaying a duplicate application for the certificate of title, duly verified by the county clerk of the county in which the vehicle has been registered, which shall be prepared by the county clerk, upon request, without the payment of an additional fee.

(b) (1) It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to occupy or for any owner knowingly to permit to be occupied any mobile home or house trailer required to be registered under chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title, that is not registered, for which certificate of title has not been issued or for which the appropriate fee has not been paid when and as required under chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), when an application accompanied by proper fee has been made for a certificate of title for a mobile home or house trailer, the mobile home or house trailer may be occupied temporarily pending issuance of a certificate of title upon the displaying of a duplicate application for the certificate of title, duly verified by the county clerk of the county in which the house trailer has been registered, which shall be prepared by the county clerk, upon request, without the payment of an additional fee.

(c) The duly authorized agent, employee, or representative of any town, city, incorporated municipality, county, and the department are authorized and empowered to enforce chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title, and the agent, employee or representative shall be expressly authorized without the necessity of a search warrant to go upon the premises, land or real property of any person for the purpose of inspection or examination of any mobile home or house trailer, located on the property, for the purpose of carrying out chapters 1, 2, this chapter and chapters 4-6 of this title.

[Acts 1951, ch. 70, § 27 (Williams, § 5538.127); Acts 1963, ch. 143, § 4; impl. am. Acts 1978, ch. 934, §§ 22, 36; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 59-302; Acts 1983, ch. 102, § 2; 1988, ch. 817, § 2; 1989, ch. 591, § 113; 1995, ch. 305, § 108.]

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