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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wyoming County Clerks and County Treasurers

FROM: WYDOT Compliance & Investigation *LB*

DATE: September 22, 2023

RE: Operation of Newly Acquired Vehicles: Properly Executed Title or Bill of Sale

There have recently been questions concerning the ability for a person who has a newly acquired vehicle to operate the vehicle until a new title and registration are obtained in the event the vehicle was not purchased from a licensed vehicle dealer and therefore a temporary registration permit has not been issued. There are two options for operation in this scenario depending on the circumstances of the transfer of ownership:

1. Operation of Vehicle on a Properly Executed Title [W.S. 31-2-201 (a)(i)(D)]

Every owner, operator or lessee may operate a vehicle without registration for 45 days from the date of purchase/acquisition with a properly executed title for the vehicle that transfers ownership to the transferee.

2. Operation of Vehicle on a Bill of Sale [W.S. 31-2-201(a)(i)(C) / 31-2-104(h)]

Every owner, operator or lessee may operate a vehicle without registration for 60 days from the date of purchase/acquisition with a conforming Bill of Sale if the prior owner's title is not available for transfer because it is being held by an auto auction or lending institution.

Per W.S. 31-2-104 (h)(ii), the Bill of Sale has to be signed and be in this format in order to operate a vehicle with a Bill of Sale in lieu of a properly executed title or temporary registration permit:

VEHICLE BILL OF SALE

I, (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEROR/AUCTIONEER), on (date), hereby sell and convey all my interest, the interest of (name of current owner) in the following described vehicle: (COLOR, YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) to (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEREE) in exchange for: (sales price). I hereby state that the certificate of title for the above described vehicle is held by (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEROR-VEHICLE AUCTIONEER, BANK OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION) and that within thirty (30) days, (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEREE) will be provided a properly executed title free of all liens for the vehicle unless otherwise specified in this bill of sale. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Wyoming that the contents of this document are true and correct.

DATE: _____ TRANSFEROR'S OR AUCTIONEER'S SIGNATURE: _____

TRANSFEROR'S OR AUCTIONEER'S ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND DRIVER'S LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION OR DEALER NUMBER