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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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### ODOMETER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

PennDOT has recently received inquiries regarding the repair and replacement of vehicle odometers. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Section 7133, mandates the proper procedure for repairing or replacing an inoperative odometer. That section requires that the repaired or replaced odometer display the same mileage as the vehicle's odometer displayed prior to the repair or replacement. If the odometer is incapable of registering the same mileage as prior to the repair or replacement, the odometer must be adjusted to read zero (0) and a notice must be affixed to the left door frame of the vehicle specifying the mileage prior to the repair or replacement and the date of the repair or replacement. The section of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code related to odometer repair or replacement is included below for your information.

#### § 7133. Permissible activities relating to odometers.

**(a) General rule.--**Nothing in this subchapter prevents the service, repair or replacement of an odometer if the mileage indicated remains the same as before the service, repair or replacement. Where the odometer is incapable of registering the same mileage as before the service, repair or replacement, the odometer shall be adjusted to read zero and a notice in writing shall be attached to the left door frame of the vehicle by the owner or his agent specifying the mileage prior to repair or replacement of the odometer and the date on which it was repaired or replaced.

#### **(b) Prohibitions.--**

- (1) No person shall fail to adjust an odometer or affix a notice regarding the adjustment as required pursuant to subsection (a).
- (2) No person shall, with intent to defraud, remove or alter any notice affixed to a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (a).

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