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**SUBJECT: RECONSTRUCTED AND SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED
VEHICLES**

The Department has revised the MV-426 form (Application for Reconstructed or Specially Constructed Vehicle). The revisions are the result of suggestions made by citizens, members of the automotive industry, inspection station owners, inspection mechanics, vehicle re-builders and salvors who were involved in testing the new form.

The notable revisions to the form and process are as follows:

1. Expanded instructions on how to use Form MV-426.
2. A new section that will allow the applicant to apply for registration.
3. A new section that will allow for weight verification, if required.
4. Detailed instructions about the photographs that are required.
5. Photographs of the vehicle showing its condition before reconstruction will be required starting July 1, 2001.
6. A portion of an Official Safety Inspection Certificate will be required to be placed on the form.
7. A checklist and assembly instructions for the application are included to assist the applicant.
8. A special Post Office box has been established for mailing the application to the Special Services Unit.

The following questions and answers resulted from seminars held on the new form and should help applicants, inspection stations, inspection mechanics and issuing agents understand the new process.

Q. Can an issuing agent assign a new registration plate or transfer an existing registration plate to a reconstructed vehicle?

A. Issuing agents **may NOT** issue new registration plates or transfer existing registration plates to a reconstructed vehicle until the Department approves and processes the application.

Q. How does an applicant get the vehicle registered?

A. A new section has been included on the first page of the application to request the issuance or transfer of a registration plate.

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Q. If I apply for registration, does the new form act as a temporary registration?

A. The Form MV-426 does not act as a temporary registration and thus, the vehicle cannot be operated on the highway until the Department's Special Services Unit processes the application.

Q. Can Certificates of Salvage marked as "Non-repairable" or "Parts only" be used in an application for a reconstructed vehicle title?

A. No. The Department will not allow these types of certificates to be used to apply for a reconstructed vehicle.

Q. Can three or four wheel All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) be reconstructed for highway use?

A. No. The Department will not title three or four wheel All Terrain Vehicles as either motorcycles or passenger vehicles.

Q. Will a New York 907A form be accepted for processing an application for reconstructed vehicle title?

A. The New York 907A form is not acceptable as part of a Pennsylvania reconstructed vehicle application.

Q. When do I issue the vehicle an inspection sticker?

A. An inspection sticker is NOT to be placed on the vehicle until after the paper work is processed, a title and license plate is issued and a second safety inspection is performed. Upon completion of the initial inspection, you **do not** issue a certificate of inspection to the vehicle. Under the new procedure, you are required to affix the lower half of a safety inspection sticker to the MV-426 form. Instructions are included with the Form MV-426 about what the mechanic is required to do.

Q. When does the applicant need to submit photos showing the vehicle prior to its reconstruction?

A. Photographs of the vehicle PRIOR to its reconstruction will be required for any vehicle on which reconstruction commences after July 1, 2001. If reconstruction begins prior to July 1, 2001, as shown by the dates on receipts for parts purchased or similar documentation, the "before" photos are not required.

Q. Can a customer still use the old version of Form MV-426?

A. The old version will be accepted until July 1, 2001. After that date, any application for a reconstructed title must be made on the new form.

Q. Does the reconstructed vehicle process have to be followed if someone is titling a vehicle that is already titled as reconstructed in another state?

A. The person would have to fill out Form MV-426 and submit photos of the present vehicle. They would not, have to supply an explanation of what was done to the vehicle, receipts for parts or labor, nor the "before" photographs.

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Q. How can I obtain the new Form MV-426?

A. Contact the Special Services Unit at the number listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please call the Vehicle Inspection Division, Special Services Unit at (717) 705-6991.

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