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Dealer Manual Update, Chapter Three – Title and Registration Requirements

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Chapter Three has recently been updated and the following is an overview by manual section of the most significant changes:

3-3.4 Assigning Security Interest. Dealers must apply for title and registration in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Vehicle Code, regardless of the status of financing. Clarification regarding the acceptance of payments and the corresponding requirement to hold an installment seller's license issued by Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) has been added.

3-9.3 Unauthorized Use of BFS -4 Temporary Registrations. A new section has been added to address the unauthorized use of BFS-4 temporary registrations. The update lists circumstances when a dealer cannot issue temporary registrations and underscores the Secretary of State's authority to limit or revoke a vehicle dealer's privilege to issue BFS-4 temporary registrations.

3-10.1 In-Transit Registration Authority. The 14-day in-transit registration (BFS-50) permits a nonresident to drive a recently purchased vehicle to their home state where it will be titled and registered. This section was amended to clarify the issuance of 14-day in-transit registrations when a vehicle is sold to an out-of-state purchaser at a time the branch office isn't open to process an in-transit transaction.