

Traffic Benchbook—Third Edition, Volume 2

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Updates have been issued for the Traffic Benchbook, Volume 2. A summary of each update appears below. The updates have been integrated into the website version of the benchbook; consequently, some of the page numbers may have changed. Clicking on the links below will take you to the page(s) in the benchbook where the updates appear. The text added or changed in each update is underlined.

Chapter 5: Snowmobiles

[5.10\(A\) Registration Requirements](#)

Effective July 1, 2009, 2008 PA 145 added MCL 324.82105b, which allows the department of state to cancel, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a snowmobile registration under certain circumstances.

MCL 324.82103(1). The fee for a snowmobile certificate of registration and decal is \$22.00 for a three-year period that begins on October 1 and expires September 30 of the third year. MCL 324.82105(2). The certificate of registration shall accompany the vehicle and shall be made available for inspection upon demand by a peace officer.

The registration decal shall be affixed to each side of the forward half of the cowl above the footwell of the snowmobile. MCL 324.82113(1).

“The department of state may cancel, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue a snowmobile registration if any of the following occur:

“(a) The applicant has failed to furnish all required information or reasonable additional information requested by the department of state.

“(b) The required fees have not been paid.

“(c) The applicant is not entitled to a snowmobile registration under this part.

“(d) The department of state issued the registration in error.

“(e) The application contains a false or fraudulent statement.

“(f) The department of state has reasonable grounds to believe that the snowmobile was stolen or embezzled.” MCL 324.82105b.

Exceptions. A certificate of registration or a registration decal is not required for a snowmobile operated exclusively on land owned or under the control of the snowmobile owner; or for a snowmobile used entirely in a safety education and training program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor and authorized by MCL 324.82108. MCL 324.82103(1).

Also, a certificate of registration is not required for a snowmobile that is exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration that is conducted under a permit from the governmental unit having jurisdiction. MCL 324.82104.

If the owner of a snowmobile sells the snowmobile to another person, the new owner must apply to the Secretary of State for a new certificate of registration. MCL 324.82114(3).

Note: A snowmobile may be operated in Michigan by a nonresident if the snowmobile has been properly registered in the person’s home state and has a registration decal. MCL 324.82103(1) states, in part: “Except as otherwise provided, a snowmobile shall not be operated unless the owner first obtains a certificate of registration and a registration decal.” MCL 324.82103(1) does not specify that the registration and decal must

