



Motor Dealer Act **Amendments Move Forward!**

The *Motor Dealer Amendment Act, 2016* received Royal Assent on May 19, 2016. While the majority of the amendments to the Act detailed in the [February 18 VSA Bulletin](#) require the development of regulations to be in full force, some are effective immediately. These include:

- Strengthening the prohibition on motor dealers using someone as a salesperson when they are not licensed. Current action for such a breach is limited to the suspension or cancellation of the motor dealer licence. When regulations are passed, the Registrar will be able to assess administrative penalties—a much more progressive compliance tool.
- The ability of a dealer or a person licensed under the Act to advertise they are licensed by the VSA, subject to terms and conditions set by the Registrar. Additional information, including the terms and conditions, will be available soon.
- Recognition of electronic commerce in the conduct of business by motor dealers.
- Modernization of the way official documents can be served, including electronic service.
- Motor Dealer Customer Compensation Fund changes that modernize the adjudication of claims and add fairness through a reconsideration provision. Provisions have also been added to existing rules to help ensure dealers repay the fund when they are responsible for compensation approved by Compensation Fund Board.
- New licence categories have been added for consumer compensated broker-agents and broker-agent representatives, as well as vehicle wholesalers. Regulations must still be drafted outlining the legal obligations and licensing requirements of these individuals and businesses.

Additional changes will be highlighted in upcoming Bulletins.

RV Reminder: **Dual VINs & Model Years**

The [September 11, 2013 Bulletin](#) outlined registration requirements for Recreational Vehicles (RVs). Most RVs have two VINS—one for the chassis (primary) and one for the coach (secondary). Since there is no set standard across North America, the following is recommended as best practices:

- It is best to disclose both VINs and model years to avoid any possible confusion by a consumer
- Dealers need to clearly explain to customers the current requirements for B.C. registration
- B.C. requires that all [Class B and C motorhomes](#) are registered using the chassis VIN and associated model year designation
- Class A motorhomes are registered using the chassis VIN.

The ICBC Tax/Transfer (APV9T) Form includes two locations to record a general VIN and a secondary VIN. Instructions and definitions are detailed on the back of the form.