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2200 Division of Motor Vehicles
Vehicle Services

2276 Single-Axle Tow Dollies (Formerly Reg. No. 75)

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need and desire to tow front wheel drive vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to disconnect the drive train of front wheel drive vehicles to allow the use of the conventional tow bar; and

WHEREAS, a modern second generation tow bar has been developed that allows a front wheel drive vehicle to be towed by substituting an axle and wheels for the unusable front axle and wheels of the front wheel drive vehicle being towed; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of a definition for this modern tow bar, along with a lack of uniformity in the manner in which the device is considered for title and/or registration;

1.0 The following regulation is adopted effective February 24, 1984:

1.1 Definition:

Single-Axle Tow Dolly is a vehicle towed by a self-propelled motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another self-propelled motor vehicle and upon which the front or rear wheels of the towed self-propelled motor vehicle are mounted, while the other wheels of the towed self-propelled motor vehicle remain in contact with the ground.

1.2 The Tow Dolly shall:

1.2.1 Not be titled or registered.

1.2.2 Not be treated as a separate vehicle when used in combination with another vehicle, i.e., when a tow dolly is being towed with the front or rear wheels of another vehicle mounted thereon, it should not be considered as one of the vehicles in a combination of vehicles, but rather the tow dolly and towed vehicle should be treated as one integral unit.

1.2.3 Be subject to equipment safety requirements such as lighting and safety chains.