

DATE: 05/17/24	Technical Advisory (TA) RSTL 24-002
SUBJECT: Judgment Lien Certificates	

Overview:

Effective July 1, 2023, House Bill 27 amended sections [55.205](#), [55.208](#), and [319.24](#), Florida Statutes, updating the requirements for recording Judgment Lien Certificates on motor vehicle and vessel titles. For processing a Judgment Lien Certificate, please follow the instructions in the Details section below.

Details:

Before recording the Judgment Lien Certificate, verify whether the lienor had previously recorded the Judgment Lien Certificate on the vehicle or vessel. To do this follow the instructions below:

- Search Title History for the vehicle or vessel record(s), where a lien with the ELT Exception of “COURT ORDER” exists and the comment “Lien per FS 55.205” was added to the title.
- If a previous Judgment Lien Certificate was found on the title, follow the instructions outlined in [TL-33](#), Alternate Method of Removal of Recorded Liens section, B. Methods for Removal of Recorded Liens (Paper and Electronic).

If no previous Judgment Lien Certificate is found, verify the status of the title and lien record and follow the instructions below:

- If the title is electronic with no lien(s) on file:
 - Follow the instructions outlined in [TL-32](#), Documentation Required and Special Instructions section, F. a. First Lien on the title.
 - Note: if the lienholder record is not marked as Electronic Lienholder, process using ELT Exception: LIEN IS COURT ORDERED.

- If the title is electronic with lien(s) on file:
 - Follow the instructions outlined in [TL-32](#), Documentation Required and Special Instructions section, F. b. Subsequent Lien on the title.
 - Note: if the lienholder record is not marked as Electronic Lienholder, process using ELT Exception: LIEN IS COURT ORDERED.

- If the title is paper with no lien(s) on file:
 - Follow the instructions outlined in [TL-32](#), Documentation Required and Special Instructions section, F. a. First Lien on the title.
 - When performing the Lien Add transaction on a paper title, the system will prompt “Do you have a current title?”.
 - Select Yes if you are processing a Judgment Lien Certificate. This will allow the Judgment Lien Certificate to be recorded.
 - Note: if the lienholder record is not marked as an Electronic Lienholder, process using ELT Exception: LIEN IS COURT ORDERED.

- If the title is paper with lien(s) on file, follow the instructions outlined in [TL-32](#), Documentation Required and Special Instructions section, F. b. Subsequent Lien on the title.
 - When performing the Subsequent Lien transaction on a paper title, the system will prompt “Do you have a current title?”.
 - Select Yes if you are processing a Judgment Lien Certificate. This will allow the Judgment Lien Certificate to be recorded.
 - Note: if the lienholder record is not marked as an Electronic Lienholder, process using ELT Exception: LIEN IS COURT ORDERED.

- If the title is paper with lien(s) on file AND the vehicle has an active Vehicle Stop of ‘LI – LIEN ONLY – IN STATE LIEN,’ instruct the customer to mail the application and all supporting documents to:

Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 Direct Mail and Issuance RM #A330
 2900 Apalachee Parkway, MS #72
 Tallahassee, FL 32399

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.