

2. Alphabetically, under the name of the owner;
3. Under the engine number; and
4. In the discretion of the Department, in any other manner it may deem desirable.

(c) The Department shall also file all accident reports and abstracts of court records of convictions received by it under the laws of this State and in connection therewith maintain convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee showing the convictions of such licensee and the traffic accidents in which such licensee has been involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the Department upon any application for renewal of license and at other suitable times.

13. EXAMINATION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS AND INDEX OF STOLEN AND RECOVERED VEHICLES. The Department upon receiving application for original registration of a vehicle or any certificate of title shall first check the engine and serial number shown in the application against the indices of registered motor vehicles and against the index of stolen and recovered motor vehicles required to be maintained by this Article.

14. DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS. The Commissioner may destroy any records of the Department, which have been maintained on file for five (5) years, which he may deem obsolete and of no further service in carrying out the powers and duties of the department except records of criminal and motor vehicle violations. Motor vehicle registration records may be destroyed after three (3) years.

15. AUTHORITY TO GRANT OR REFUSE APPLICATION. The Department shall examine and determine the genuineness, regularity, and legality of every application for registration of a vehicle and for a certificate of title therefor and for an operator's or chauffeur's license, and of any other application made to the Department, and may in all cases make investigation as may be deemed necessary or require additional information, and shall reject any such application if not satisfied of the genuineness, regularity, or legality thereof or the truth of any statement contained therein, or for any other reason when authorized by law.

16. SEIZURE OF DOCUMENTS AND PLATES. The Department is hereby authorized to take possession of any certificate of title, registration card, permit, license, or registration plate issued by it upon expiration, revocation, cancellation, or sus-