

sections by Ch. 534, Acts of 1970, minor, apparently unintended, differences in language were created. The Administration treats these counterpart criteria identically - as is the apparent intent - and, therefore, their language is conformed.

Present Art. 66 1/2, §3-110(6) permits the Administration to refuse a certificate of title if it determines that the vehicle is "mechanically unfit and unsafe to be operated". This criterion, which is duplicated in §13-406 of this title as to registration, is deleted here. Although mechanical fitness and safety is an important consideration in the registration and consequent operation of a vehicle, it was not intended as a proper consideration for refusing issuance of a certificate of title as evidence of ownership. (In this regard, compare Uniform Vehicle Code §3-110 with UVC §3-406, where this distinction is made between titling and registration; see, also, §13-705 of this title.) The erroneous listing originated with Ch. 534, Acts of 1970, in revising and bifurcating the combined and, therefore, misleading titling/registration provisions of prior Art. 66 1/2, §27. It never has been used by the Administration as a reason for refusing a certificate of title and, consequently, is deleted in this revision.

The only other changes are in style.

13-111. LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED CERTIFICATES.

(A) DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE.

(1) IF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS LOST, STOLEN, MUTILATED, DESTROYED, OR BECOMES ILLEGIBLE, THE OWNER OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OWNER NAMED IN THE CERTIFICATE, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, PROMPTLY SHALL APPLY FOR AND, AFTER FURNISHING INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE, OBTAIN A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

(2) THE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE SHALL CONTAIN THE LEGEND "THIS IS A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF A PERSON UNDER THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE."

(B) SURRENDER OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

IF A PERSON RECOVERS AN ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WHICH A DUPLICATE HAS BEEN ISSUED, THE PERSON PROMPTLY SHALL SURRENDER THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE TO THE