

Other States' Title Exemption Policies

Some states have title exemption policies based on a vehicle's age. When registering and titling a vehicle from another state in Massachusetts, the out of state registration may serve as proof of ownership - provided the vehicle was exempt from title requirements in its previous state.

Please refer to the chart below to determine when a registration is acceptable as proof of ownership.

Note: If "None" is listed for the state, there are no exemptions, and a title must be provided.

State	Title Exemption Policy
AK	None
AL	Vehicles over 35 model years old, and trailers over 20 model years old are exempt.
AR	None
AZ	None
CA	None
CO	None
CT	Vehicles over 20 years old are exempt. The owner can request a title, but will be charged fees.
DC	None
DE	None
FL	Vehicles with a model year of 2011 or newer are exempt after 20 years. Vehicles with a model year of 2010 or older are exempt after 10 years.
GA	Vehicles with a model year of 1962 or older are exempt.
HI	None
IA	None
ID	None
IL	None
IN	None
KS	None
KY	None
LA	None
MD	None
ME	Vehicles that are 25 model years and newer are required to have a title. As of January 1, 2024, vehicles that are 1998 model year and older are exempt.
MI	None
MN	None
MO	None
MS	None

State	Title Exemption Policy
MT	None
NC	None
ND	None
NE	None
NH	Vehicles that have a model year of 1999 and older are exempt. The owner can request a title.
NJ	None
NM	None
NV	None
NY	Vehicles with a model year of 1972 or older are exempt.
OH	None
OK	None
OR	None
PA	None
RI	Effective January 1, 2024, ALL vehicles are titled, including model years 2000 and older previously registered under the old law.
SC	None
SD	None
TN	None
TX	None
UT	None
VA	None
VT	Vermont title law changed on July 1, 2024. There are no age exemptions.
WA	None
WI	None
WV	None
WY	None

Liens

Out of state vehicles exempt from titles don't generally have liens, as they are usually older vehicles at least 15-20 years old. If a vehicle does have a lien listed on the *Registration and Title Application* (RTA) and a registration was submitted, it would go through the memorandum process, which will show that there is no out of state title to collect.

For more information on out of state titles held by lienholders, see the training update "Out of State Titles – Revised", dated October 2, 2025.