

Sec. 14-137-122. Accuracy of name and address information on motor vehicle registrations

(a) As used in this section, “individual” means a natural person who is not licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles to engage in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles, or licensed as a motor vehicle dealer, repairer or recycler.

(b) If any individual is the holder of five or more motor vehicle registrations issued in his or her name, either individually or jointly with other named owners, the commissioner may require such individual to furnish a statement under oath, and made subject to the penalties provided by sections 14-110 and 53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes that such individual is the owner of the motor vehicles registered and of any additional motor vehicle for which an application for registration is made. If the individual declines to furnish such a statement under oath, or if the commissioner is not satisfied as to the ownership of the motor vehicles registered or sought to be registered, the commissioner may suspend or revoke any or all of the registrations bearing the name of such individual, and may refuse to issue any new registration.

(c) If any application made by an individual for a motor vehicle registration contains a street address that appears on five or more other active registrations that have been issued in the names of other individuals, the commissioner may, unless the applicant provides an apartment number or unit number and attests that he or she resides in an apartment or other type of dwelling space that contains more than five residential units, require the applicant to furnish a statement under oath, and made subject to the penalties provided by sections 14-110 and 53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes that such street address is the present and actual residence of the applicant . If the individual declines to furnish such a statement under oath, the commissioner may refuse to grant the application.

(d) If the commissioner takes an action authorized under the provisions of subsections (b) or (c) of this section, any person who claims to be aggrieved by such action shall be given an opportunity for an administrative hearing, conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. At such hearing the respondent shall have the opportunity to show cause why his or her motor vehicle registration should be granted or why registrations issued in his or her name should not be suspended or revoked. Any such showing shall include the presentation of evidence that the respondent is the owner and is in possession of each motor vehicle that is registered in his or her name, and that the address given on the application or contained on the registration is a bona fide residence or business address.

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