



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Hold Harmless Affidavit (DPSMV1976)

The said appearer, Roselle M. Boudreaux, declares that should the Motor Vehicle Commissioner of the State of Louisiana issue a title covering (vehicle description):

2019 utility trailer, VIN 4YMUL0816KV038471, no plate

That he does not hereby guarantee title and agrees to save and hold harmless the said commissioner and any other employees of the State of Louisiana from any and all liability whatsoever for having issued the said title and further agrees to indemnify them and all subsequent purchases and to restore to them any loss which may be incurred by them by reason of their having issued the requested title.

The reason for executing this affidavit is as follows:

The trailer was left on my property by a tenant who moved out in March 2022 and has not been in contact since. It has never been titled in Louisiana or in any other state and the Office of Motor Vehicles holds no record of it. I have had it registered and in my possession for more than one year and no other person has claimed ownership.

Signed

09/02/2026

Date

Sworn and subscribed before me this 2nd day of September, 2026

Notary Signature

Notary Printed Name

Notary ID

How to fill out DPSMV 1976 — Hold Harmless Affidavit

Louisiana · written against DPSMV 1976 (Rev 04/06/2026), issued under R.S. 32:707.4, alternate procedures to transfer certain vehicles

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A short affidavit with a very long blank in the middle of it, and the blank is the form. You are asking the commissioner to issue a title on evidence that falls short of an assignment, and in exchange you promise not to hold him or the state responsible if it turns out badly. Its usual home is the good-faith possession route: a trailer, light trailer, boat trailer, farm trailer, travel trailer or manufactured home that has never been titled anywhere and for which the department has no record at all.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank DPSMV 1976 from the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles at <https://public.powerdms.com/LADPSC/documents/349882?f=DPSMV-1976.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	The said appearer	The blank in the opening sentence. Watch out: The person who will hold the title if it issues. This affidavit is personal - it is your indemnity, not the vehicle's - so a company here needs a representative named in the signature block as well.
2	YOU	Vehicle description	The full-width rule after the words issue a title covering. Watch out: Year, make, model, body style and VIN, all of them. A trailer with no VIN plate at all is a different and much longer problem, and it starts with the physical inspection rather than with this form.
3	YOU	The reason for executing this affidavit	Eleven ruled lines occupying the middle half of the page. Watch out: Write the actual history: how the vehicle came to you, when, from whom, what has been done to find the owner, and what the department's own record search shows. This is the paragraph a supervisor reads when deciding whether to issue a title on no evidence of ownership.
4	YOU	Signed and Date	Two boxes on one row, under the reason lines. Watch out: The date here should match the date in the jurat below. Two different dates on one affidavit means it was signed before it was sworn, which is the thing the jurat exists to deny.
5	OTHER	Sworn and subscribed before me this __ day of	The jurat line, with the notary's signature, printed name and identification number beneath it. Watch out: The notary block on this sheet labels all three positions explicitly - signature, printed name, ID. Filling in two of the three is the version of this form that comes back.

What gets this one rejected

- The reason lines left empty or filled with a single phrase. Eleven rules is the department telling you how much explanation it expects.
- A vehicle description without a VIN. The indemnity is about one specific vehicle and there is nothing else on the sheet to identify it.
- Sworn without the notary's identification number, which is fatal to any notarised document in Louisiana rather than to this one in particular.
- Filed on its own for a trailer with no record. The good-faith possession route needs the affidavit plus a sworn statement of acquisition and price, an affidavit of physical inspection by a P.O.S.T. certified officer, and an NCIC check - and a title does not issue until a year after registration.
- Used where an ordinary assignment was available. This is not a shortcut around a seller who will not sign; it is for a vehicle with no owner to sign.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off DPSMV 1976 (Rev 04/06/2026) and the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com