

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 102

BY SENATOR FIELDS

MOTOR VEHICLES. Prohibits OMV authorized third party vendors from requiring only cash for transactions and authorizes a convenience fee for credit and debit card transactions. (7/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:402(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:532.1(F) and (G), relative to  
3 payments to public license tag agents and auto title companies for the office of motor  
4 vehicles; to provide with respect to acceptable payment methods to public license tag  
5 agents and auto title companies; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:402(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §402. Mandatory licensure; exceptions; violations

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10 B.(1)(a)(i) \* \* \*

11 (3)(a) The department shall by rule establish a system to regulate public  
12 license tag agents issuing drivers' licenses, and these regulations shall have the full  
13 force and effect of law. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in  
14 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of  
15 this Section.

16 **(b) Public license tag agents shall be prohibited from requiring and**  
17 **accepting only cash as payment for authorized transactions. Public license tag**

1 **agents shall accept cash, credit and debit cards, and may accept checks as**  
2 **payment for authorized transactions.**

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4 Section 2. R.S. 47:532.1(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

5 §532.1. Public license tag agents; auto title companies; rules and regulations; surety  
6 bonds; fees

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8 **F. Public license tag agents and auto title companies shall be prohibited**  
9 **from requiring and accepting only cash as payment for authorized transactions.**

10 **Public license tag agents and auto title companies shall accept cash, credit and**  
11 **debit cards, and may accept checks as payment for authorized transactions.**

12 **G. In addition to any other convenience fees provided by this Section, the**  
13 **public license tag agents shall be authorized to collect a credit or debit card**  
14 **convenience fee of three dollars for each credit or debit card transaction.**

15 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

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The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the office of motor vehicles to contract with public license tag agents and auto title companies to provide governmental services relative to drivers' licenses and registration of motor vehicles.

Present law is silent on the methods of payment a public license tag agent and auto title company may require or accept to pay for authorized transactions.

Proposed law prohibits requirement of cash only to pay for authorized transactions.

Proposed law requires public license tag agents and auto title companies to accept cash, debit and credit cards, and authorizes the acceptance of checks as payment for authorized transactions.

Proposed law provides that, in addition to any other convenience fees provided by present law, the public license tag agents and auto title companies will be authorized to collect a credit or debit card convenience fee of three dollars for each credit or debit card transaction.

Effective July 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 32:402(B)(3); adds R.S. 47:532.1(F) and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,  
Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Deletes the requirement that checks be accepted, but authorizes the acceptance of checks.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds a convenience fee of three dollars for each credit or debit card transaction.