

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 72 by Senator Hodges

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "(C)(1)" and before the comma "," delete "and (2)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, after "707.2.1," and before "and to" change "707.2.2, and 714," to "and  
5 707.2.2,"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 12, after "(C)(1)" and before the comma "," delete "and (2)"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, line 13, after "707.2.1," delete the remainder of the line and insert "and 707.2.2"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 2, line 13, after "**standard**" and before "**as**" insert "**when required by federal law**  
12 **or regulation,**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2, line 20, after "recording" delete the remainder of the line and insert a semicolon  
15 ";" and "**vehicle titling and registration; participation requirements; fees;**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 7

17 On page 2, at the beginning of line 22, change "A.(1)" to "A."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 8

19 On page 2, delete lines 24 and 25 and insert the following:

20 ~~"recording of information concerning the perfection and release of vehicle~~  
21 ~~security interests without submitting or receiving the paper title documents~~  
22 **including electronic**"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 9

24 On page 3, delete line 3 in its entirety and insert "**title and to record and release liens**  
25 **through a completely electronic process for the following users:**"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 10

27 On page 3, at the beginning of line 4, change "**(a)**" to "**(1)**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 11

29 On page 3, delete lines 6 through 29 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 4, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "(2) All federally insured depository institutions, their affiliates and  
 4 subsidiaries, other lenders, and their public tag agents and other service  
 5 providers."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 13

7 On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety, and delete pages 5 and 6, and insert the  
 8 following:

9 "I. Any lienholder using the department's electronic lien and electronic  
 10 titling system, directly or through a public tag agent, to release a lien  
 11 encumbering an electronic certificate of title shall process the electronic lien  
 12 release within five business days after the lienholder has been paid in full and  
 13 the payoff funds are deemed by the lienholder to be collected. The  
 14 requirements of this Subsection shall not apply to paper certificates of title,  
 15 which shall be governed by R.S. 32:708.

16 J.(1) Beginning twelve months after January 1, 2028 or the date the  
 17 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies  
 18 that a fully operational statewide electronic, lien, electronic titling, and  
 19 electronic registration system has been implemented, whichever occurs sooner,  
 20 any person who, in the regular course of business, submits applications for  
 21 certificates of title, registration, lien recordings, lien satisfactions, or other  
 22 documents to the department in connection with motor vehicle transactions  
 23 shall submit those applications through the system, subject to such exceptions  
 24 as the department may provide by rule.

25 (2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in  
 26 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing definitions,  
 27 operational standards, performance requirements, compliance criteria, and  
 28 reporting requirements for electronic lien and title, electronic vehicle  
 29 registration, and electronic registration and titling systems.

30 §707.2.1. Electronic signatures and records for motor vehicle transactions

31 A. Any document, record, or instrument required in connection with the  
 32 sale, lease, transfer, titling, registration, or financing of a motor vehicle may be  
 33 created, executed, transmitted, and stored electronically, including but not  
 34 limited to the following:

- 35 (1) Titling documents.
- 36 (2) Registration applications.
- 37 (3) Odometer disclosure forms.
- 38 (4) Secure and limited powers of attorney.
- 39 (5) Attestations.

40 B. Any documents used to transfer ownership of a vehicle to an  
 41 insurance company after payment of damages may be signed electronically and  
 42 reproduced in paper form and shall not require notarization. The supporting  
 43 documents include but are not limited to the following:

- 44 (1) Limited powers of attorney.
- 45 (2) Applications for duplicate titles.
- 46 (3) Odometer disclosure forms.

47 C.(1) Electronic signatures shall comply with the Identity Assurance  
 48 Level 2 (IAL2) security standard when required by federal law or regulation as  
 49 defined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special  
 50 Publication 800-63A.

51 (2) An electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the  
 52 department pursuant to this Section, including a legibly scanned or imaged copy  
 53 of a signed document, shall have the same force and effect as a handwritten  
 54 signature or original paper document, shall satisfy any legal requirement for a

written signature or record, shall not require notarization, and shall be admissible for all legal and evidentiary purposes to the same extent as a handwritten signature or original paper document.

D.(1) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall accept electronic records and electronic signatures for the documents and records identified in Subsections A and B of this Section and any electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the department pursuant to this Section shall have the same force and effect as an original written document or handwritten signature and shall satisfy any legal requirement for a written record or signature.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing:

(a) Electronic signatures and authentication standards.

(b) Security and identity verification procedures.

E.(1) A dealer or authorized officer as set forth in R.S. 32:702 using an approved system in good faith and without actual knowledge of fraud or unauthorized access shall be immune from civil liability arising solely from the use of electronic signatures, remote notarization of powers of attorney or electronic records, including claims alleging improper execution, authentication, or transmission, provided the dealer or authorized officer complied with the requirements of this Section and any rules promulgated by the department.

(2) The immunity provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to intentional misconduct or gross negligence.

§707.2.2. Secure digital motor vehicle titles

A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall implement, or authorize the use of, a secure, interoperable, system a system that offers vehicle title holders a fully paperless, secure digital vehicle title that may be issued in lieu of a paper certificate of title, including the ability for such title to be made available to the title holder through a department-approved or state-authorized digital credential platform."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 7, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"(4) Support secure interoperability with department-approved systems, including approved digital credential platforms, dealer service providers, financial institution service providers, and verification services, through standards-based interfaces, application programming interfaces, or other methods approved by the department."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 7, delete lines 27 and 29 in their entirety, delete page 8 in its entirety, and insert the following:

"rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. Any rules promulgated under this Section shall be designed to promote competition, transparency, interoperability, and consumer choice, subject to security, privacy, and technical standards established by the department. The department shall not require a title holder, dealer, lender, insurer, or other authorized user to use a specific proprietary application to access, present, or verify a secure digital title where a department-approved interoperable

alternative meeting the department's security, privacy, and technical standards is available.

**G. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant any vendor, contractor, system integrator, or operator of the department's system of record the exclusive right to display, present, verify, or otherwise make available to residents a digital wallet, identity verification, electronic signature, verifier services, or other resident-facing services related to secure digital vehicle titles. The department shall remain the sole issuer of secure digital vehicle titles. The department may authorize one or more qualified providers, including approved digital credential platforms and verification services, to perform resident-facing display, presentation, or verification functions, subject to security, privacy, audit, and interoperability requirements established by the department.**

**H. The department shall remain the authoritative source of all title records. Any display, presentation, verification, or use of a secure digital title through an approved digital credential platform shall not alter the department's ownership or control of the authoritative title record and shall be subject to technical standards and business requirements established by the department.**

**I. A secure digital title issued pursuant to this Section may be verified through a department-approved digital verification service, provided such service meets security, privacy, audit, and interoperability requirements established by the department.**

Section 2. R.S. 32:707.2(G) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. A. The provisions of R.S. 32:705(B)(6) and (7), R.S. 32:707.2(A), (C)(1), (D), (I), and (J), and R.S. 32:707.2.1, as enacted or amended by this Act, shall become effective on January 1, 2028, or on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that a fully operational statewide electronic lien, electronic titling, and electronic registration system has been implemented, whichever occurs sooner.

B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to invalidate or limit any electronic record, electronic signature, or electronic transaction otherwise authorized by law or by policy of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, prior to the effective date of this Section.

C. The provisions of R.S. 32:707.2.2, as enacted by this Act, shall become effective on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that the secure digital title system required by R.S. 32:707.2.2 has been implemented and is operational, or January 1, 2031, whichever occurs sooner.

Section 4. R.S. 32:702(18), the repeal of R.S. 32:707.2(G), and Sections 5 and 6 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, those provisions shall become effective on the day following such approval."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 9, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 9, line 5, change "Section 6." to "Section 5."

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 9, line 5, change "Section 7." to "Section 6."