
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 1086 by Representative Melerine

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 11, after "(C)(1)" delete "and (2)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 2, line 8, after "security standard" insert "when required by federal law or
7 regulation"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 2, line 15 after "recording" delete "and title information; fees;" and insert "
10 vehicle titling and registration; participation requirements; fees;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, line 17, change "A.(1)" to "A."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

15 "~~recording of information concerning the perfection and release of vehicle security interests~~
16 ~~without submitting or receiving the paper title documents~~ including electronic"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 7

18 On page 2, line 26, after "title" insert "and to record and release liens"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 8

20 On page 2, line 27, after "for" insert "the following users"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 9

22 On page 2, line 28, change "(a)" to "(1)"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 10

24 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 25, and insert the following:

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

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29 AMENDMENT NO. 11

30 On page 4, delete lines 4 through 13

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 4, delete lines 22 through 29, and delete pages 5 and 6, and insert the following:

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

9 J.(1) Beginning twelve months after the effective date provided for in Section
 10 3 of this Act, any person who, in the regular course of business, submits applications
 11 for certificates of title, registration, lien recordings, lien satisfactions, or other
 12 documents to the department in connection with motor vehicle transactions shall
 13 submit those applications through the system, subject to such exceptions as the
 14 department may provide by rule.

15 (2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with
 16 the Administrative Procedure Act establishing definitions, operational standards,
 17 performance requirements, compliance criteria, and reporting requirements for
 18 electronic lien and title, electronic vehicle registration, and electronic registration
 19 and titling systems.

20 §707.2.1. Electronic signatures and records for motor vehicle transactions

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

25 (1) Titling documents.

26 (2) Registration applications.

27 (3) Odometer disclosure forms.

28 (4) Secure and limited powers of attorney.

29 (5) Attestations.

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

34 (1) Limited powers of attorney.

35 (2) Applications for duplicate titles.

36 (3) Odometer disclosure forms.

37 C.(1) Electronic signatures shall comply with the Identity Assurance Level
 38 2 (IAL2) security standard when required by federal law or regulation as defined in
 39 the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-63A.

40 (2) An electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the department
 41 pursuant to this Section, including a legibly scanned or imaged copy of a signed
 42 document, shall have the same force and effect as a handwritten signature or original
 43 paper document, shall satisfy any legal requirement for a written signature or record,
 44 shall not require notarization, and shall be admissible for all legal and evidentiary
 45 purposes to the same extent as a handwritten signature or original paper document.

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

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

55 (a) Electronic signatures and authentication standards.

56 (b) Security and identity verification procedures.

57 E.(1) A dealer or authorized officer as set forth in R.S. 32:702 using an
 58 approved system in good faith and without actual knowledge of fraud or
 59 unauthorized access shall be immune from civil liability arising solely from the use
 60 of electronic signatures, remote notarization of powers of attorney or electronic
 61 records, including claims alleging improper execution, authentication, or

1 transmission, provided the dealer or authorized officer complied with the
 2 requirements of this Section and any rules promulgated by the department.

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

5 §707.2.2. Secure digital motor vehicle titles

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

12 B. Once implemented, the secure digital title system shall:

13 (1) Include all functions related to title reassignments."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 13

15 On page 7, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

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

21 AMENDMENT NO. 14

22 On page 7, delete lines 20 through 29 and on page 8 delete lines 1 through 11 and insert the
 23 following:

24 "rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.
 25 Rules promulgated under this Section shall be designed to promote competition,
 26 transparency, interoperability, and consumer choice, subject to security, privacy, and
 27 technical standards established by the department. The department shall not require
 28 a title holder, dealer, lender, insurer, or other authorized user to use a specific
 29 proprietary application to access, present, or verify a secure digital title where a
 30 department-approved interoperable alternative meeting the department's security,
 31 privacy, and technical standards is available.

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

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

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

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

52 Section 3. A. The provisions of R.S. 32:705(B)(6) and (7), R.S. 32:707.2(A),
 53 (C)(1) and (2), (D), (I), and (J), and R.S. 32:707.2.1, as enacted or amended by this
 54 Act, shall become effective on January 1, 2028, or on the date the Department of
 55 Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, certifies that a fully
 56 operational statewide electronic lien, electronic titling, and electronic registration
 57 system has been implemented, whichever occurs sooner.

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

5 C. The provisions of R.S. 32:707.2.2, as enacted by this Act, shall become
6 effective on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of
7 motor vehicles, certifies that the secure digital title system required by R.S.
8 32:707.2.2 has been implemented and is operational, or January 1, 2031, whichever
9 occurs first.

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

16 AMENDMENT NO. 15

17 On page 8, line 12, change "Section 6." to "Section 5."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 16

19 On page 8, line 16, change "Section 7." to "Section 6."