

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, at the end of line 12, delete "**Authentication**" and insert "**Identity Assurance**
12 **Level 2 (IAL2)**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2, line 13, delete "**Assurance Level 2 (AAL2)**" and after "**standard**" and before
15 "**as**" insert "**when required by federal law or regulation,**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 7

17 On page 2, line 14, after "**Publication**" and before the period "." change "**800-63-3**" to
18 "**800-63A**"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

22 AMENDMENT NO. 9

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

24 AMENDMENT NO. 10

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

26 "recording of information ~~concerning the perfection and release of vehicle~~
27 ~~security interests without submitting or receiving the paper title documents~~
28 **including electronic**"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 11

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

3 AMENDMENT NO. 12

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

5 AMENDMENT NO. 13

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

7 AMENDMENT NO. 14

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

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

12 AMENDMENT NO. 15

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

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

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

31 (2) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in
32 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing definitions,
33 operational standards, performance requirements, compliance criteria, and
34 reporting requirements for electronic lien and title, electronic vehicle
35 registration, and electronic registration and titling systems.

36 §707.2.1. Electronic signatures and records for motor vehicle transactions

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

- 41 (1) Titling documents.
- 42 (2) Registration applications.
- 43 (3) Odometer disclosure forms.
- 44 (4) Secure and limited powers of attorney.
- 45 (5) Attestations.

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

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

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

(2) An electronic signature or electronic record accepted by the department pursuant to this Section, including a legibly scanned or imaged copy of a signed document, shall have the same force and effect as a handwritten 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. 16

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

AMENDMENT NO. 17

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."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 C. The provisions of R.S. 32:707.2.2, as enacted by this Act, shall become
 44 effective on the date the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of
 45 motor vehicles, certifies that the secure digital title system required by R.S.
 46 32:707.2.2 has been implemented and is operational, or January 1, 2031, whichever
 47 occurs sooner.

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

54 AMENDMENT NO. 19

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

- 1 AMENDMENT NO. 20
- 2 On page 9, line 5, change "Section 6." to "Section 5."
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 21
- 4 On page 9, line 5, change "Section 7." to "Section 6."