

SENATE BILL NO. 418

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:501(C)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 47:501(D), relative to
3 registration of vehicles; to provide for required credentials for initial and first
4 renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer; to provide for
5 penalties for fraudulent execution of required credentials; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:501(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 47:501(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §501. Owner to secure registration

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12 C.(1) An individual applying for initial registration of a motor vehicle, trailer,
13 semitrailer, or other vehicle intended to be operated upon the public highways of this
14 state shall provide a current and valid photo identification which includes the owner's
15 full legal name and license number or identification card number issued in this state;
16 ~~or another state, or by the United States military.~~ An individual applying for initial
17 registration through the mail shall include a copy of a current and valid photo
18 identification which includes the owner's full legal name and license number or
19 identification card number issued in this state; ~~or another state, or by the United~~
20 ~~States military~~ with his application. **If the individual does not possess any of the**
21 **credentials specified in this Paragraph, the individual shall certify in writing**
22 **that he does not possess any of the credentials specified in this Paragraph on a**
23 **form approved by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Any**
24 **application which is not accompanied by a copy of the credential or the**

1 certification required by this Paragraph shall not be accepted or processed by
2 the department after January 1, 2015. The individual's full legal name and the
3 number on ~~the~~ any identification provided shall be placed on the application.

4 (2) An individual applying for the first renewal of registration of a motor
5 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or other vehicle intended to be operated upon the public
6 highways of this state shall provide a current and valid photo identification which
7 includes the owner's full legal name and license number or identification card
8 number issued in this state; or another state; ~~or by the United States military.~~ An
9 individual ~~applying for a first renewal through the mail shall include a copy of a~~
10 ~~current and valid photo identification which includes the owner's full legal name and~~
11 ~~license number or identification card number issued in this state, another state, or by~~
12 ~~the United States military with his application.~~ The individual's full legal name and
13 the number on the identification provided shall be placed on the application.

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15 **D. Any person who executes a false, fraudulent, or altered certification,**
16 **or who knowingly submits a false, fraudulent, or altered certification to the**
17 **Department of Public Safety and Corrections in an application submitted**
18 **pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall be fined an amount not to exceed**
19 **five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

VETO MESSAGE

"Senate Bill No. 418 by Senator Gary Smith, which was introduced on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, was inadvertently drafted in a manner that jeopardizes the integrity of the Department of Public Safety's vehicle titling and registration database.

The legislation was intended to prohibit copying of military identification cards, which is consistent with federal law. Additionally, the legislation was intended to remove the requirement that valid photo identification be submitted with first-time renewals of vehicle registration. Due to drafting errors, the legislation would allow initial vehicle registration without the submission of valid photo identification.

For these reasons, and at the request of the Office of Motor Vehicle Commissioner Stephen Campbell, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 418 and hereby return it to the Senate."