

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 445

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to entities authorized to provide services related to motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:532.1(A)(1), (3)(a), (6), and (B), relative to public tag agents;
3 to provide relative to persons who may undertake duties of public tag agents; to
4 provide relative to bonds required to be executed by public tag agents; to provide
5 relative to qualifications for public tag applicants; to authorize public tag agents to
6 be designated as official office of motor vehicle field offices; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:532.1(A)(1), (3)(a), (6), and (B) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §532.1. Public license tag agents; auto title companies; rules and regulations; surety
12 bonds; fees

13 A.(1) The commissioner may establish a system of public license tag agents
14 to collect the registration license taxes authorized by this Chapter. The system shall
15 consist of municipal and parish governing authorities or new motor vehicle dealers
16 or their agents licensed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 32:1254 and authorized
17 auto title companies pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 32:735 et seq. No persons,
18 natural or juridical, except those included in the system established pursuant to this
19 Section shall collect registration license taxes authorized by this Chapter.

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1 and Corrections, public safety services, shall promulgate rules and regulations
2 pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this
3 Subparagraph.

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5 B.(1) The system of public license tag agents shall be in addition to the
6 offices of the commissioner delegated to collect the registration license taxes.

7 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services,
8 may designate any public tag agent as an official office of motor vehicles field office
9 authorized to perform services provided by the office of motor vehicles in the parish
10 in which the public tag agent is located, provided the public tag agent meets all
11 requirements of law and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department
12 of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for public tag agents and public tag agent applicants.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to establish a system of public license tag agents to collect the registration license taxes. Specifies that the system is to consist of municipal and parish governing authorities or new motor vehicle dealers or their agents as well as authorized auto title companies.

Proposed law requires persons, natural or juridical, except those included in the system established pursuant to present law to collect registration license taxes.

Present law requires each public license tag agent other than a municipal governing authority to execute a good and sufficient surety bond with a surety company qualified to do business in Louisiana as surety, in a sum of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$100,000. Specifies that a public license tag agent with multiple locations only has to furnish a single \$10,000 surety bond in addition to any other bonds required by law.

Proposed law removes present law surety requirements and instead requires each public license tag agent other than a municipal governing authority to execute a good and sufficient surety bond with a surety company qualified to do business in Louisiana as surety, in a sum of \$50,000 should the public tag agent have only one office in this state and in a sum of \$75,000 should the public tag agent have more than one office in this state.

Proposed law prohibits a person who has been found guilty of violating any rule and regulation promulgated by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, (DPS&C) pertaining to the issuance of motor vehicle titles, registration, or driver's licenses within the two year period prior to the date of application from becoming a public tag agent.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C to revoke the license of a public tag agent for repeatedly violating rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Section. Requires the DPS&C to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 47:532.1(A)(1), (3)(a), (6), and (B))