

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

CHAPTER 558

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1561 of the Code of Virginia, relating to temporary license plates.

[H 2580]

Approved March 22, 2005

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1561 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1561. To whom temporary plates shall not be issued; dealer to forward application for current titling and registration; misstatements and false information.

No dealer shall issue, assign, transfer, or deliver temporary license plates to other than the bona fide purchaser or owner of a vehicle, whether or not the vehicle is to be registered in Virginia. If the vehicle is to be registered in Virginia, the dealer shall submit to the Department a written application for the current titling and registration of the purchased vehicle, accompanied by the prescribed fees. Any dealer who issues temporary license plates to a purchaser who fails or declines to request that his application be forwarded promptly to the Department forthwith shall notify the Department of the issuance in the manner provided in this article. No dealer shall ~~issue temporary license plates to any person who possesses current license plates for a vehicle that has been sold or exchanged, nor shall any dealer lend temporary license plates to any person for use on any vehicle.~~ If the dealer does not have in his possession the certificate of title or certificate of origin he ~~shall~~ *may* issue temporary license plates even though the purchaser has current license plates to be transferred. The dealer shall present the title or certificate of origin to the customer within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of purchase and after this transaction is completed the customer shall transfer his current license plates to the vehicle. If the title or certificate of origin cannot be produced for a vehicle within ~~thirty~~ 30 days, a second set of temporary license plates may be issued provided that a temporary certificate of ownership is issued as provided in § 46.2-1542. It shall be unlawful for any person to issue any temporary license plates containing any misstatement of fact, or for any person issuing or using temporary license plates knowingly to insert any false information on their face.