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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-600, 46.2-603.1, and 46.2-623 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration and titling of vehicles; photo identification.

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 Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-600, 46.2-603.1, and 46.2-623 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-600. Owner to secure registration and certificate of title or certificate of ownership.

Except as otherwise provided, for the purposes of this chapter, a moped shall be deemed a motor vehicle.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter every person who owns a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or his authorized attorney-in-fact, shall, before it is operated on any highway in the Commonwealth, register with the Department and obtain from the Department the registration card and certificate of title for the vehicle. *Such person shall present a valid photo identification issued by the Department or, if registering online or by mail, a black and white photocopy thereof.* Individuals applying for registration shall provide the Department with the residence address of the owner of the vehicle being registered. A business applying for registration shall provide the Department with the street address of the owner or lessee of the vehicle being registered.

At the option of the applicant for registration, the address shown on the title and registration card may be either a post office box or the business or residence address of the applicant.

Unless he has previously applied for registration and a certificate of title or he is exempted under §§ 46.2-619, 46.2-626.1, 46.2-631, and 46.2-1206, every person residing in the Commonwealth who owns a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, shall, within 30 days of the purchase or transfer, apply to the Department for a certificate of ownership.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require titling or registration in the Commonwealth of any farm tractor or special construction and forestry equipment, as defined in § 46.2-100.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, provided such vehicle is registered and titled elsewhere in the United States, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require titling or registration in the Commonwealth of any vehicle located in the Commonwealth if that vehicle is registered to a non-Virginia resident active duty military service member, activated reserve or national guard member, mobilized reserve or national guard member living in the Commonwealth, or person who is serving a full-time church service or proselyting mission of not more than 36 months and who is not gainfully employed.

§ 46.2-603.1. Electronic titling program.

The Department may establish an electronic titling program for any "new motor vehicle" as that term is defined in § 46.2-1500. Participants in the electronic titling program shall submit electronic applications for original motor vehicle titles in a form and format prescribed by the Department. Participants must provide all documentation or information required by the Department to process the electronic title application, including an electronic manufacturer's certificate of origin, *a black and white photocopy of the participant's valid photo identification issued by the Department*, and any information required by the Department in accordance with § 46.2-623. The records of a nationally recognized motor vehicle title database shall be searched prior to transfer of vehicle ownership. Participants shall collect from the purchaser of the new motor vehicle any fee charged for the search of the nationally recognized motor vehicle title database. Upon receipt of a completed electronic application, the Department shall refrain from issuing a certificate of title in paper form and, instead, shall create only the electronic record of such title to be retained by the Department in its existing electronic title record system with a notation that no certificate of title has been printed on paper. The owner of a motor vehicle will be deemed to have obtained and the Department will be deemed to have issued a certificate of title when such title record has been created electronically as provided in this section. An owner listed on a title record so created may at any time request and the Department shall provide a paper certificate of title for the vehicle.

§ 46.2-623. Statements in application.

A. Every application for a certificate of title shall contain (i) a statement of the applicant's title and

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59 of all liens or encumbrances on the vehicle and the names and addresses of all persons having any
60 interest in the vehicle and the nature of every interest in the vehicle; (ii) the Social Security number, if
61 any, of the owner and, if the application is in the name of an employer for a business vehicle, the
62 employer's identification number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service; and (iii) a
63 brief description of the vehicle to be titled or registered, including the name of the maker, the vehicle
64 identification or serial number and, when titling or registering a new vehicle, the date of sale by the
65 manufacturer or dealer to the person first operating the vehicle. *The applicant shall present a valid*
66 *photo identification issued by the Department or, if registering online or by mail, a black and white*
67 *photocopy thereof.*

68 B. The lessor of a qualifying vehicle, as defined in § 58.1-3523, shall send a report to the
69 Department for each such qualifying vehicle containing (i) the name and address of the lessee as it
70 appears in the lease contract; (ii) the social security number of the lessee; and (iii) the registration
71 number of the vehicle as described under Article 1 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of Chapter 6.

72 C. Such lessor shall send a monthly report to the Department, by the fifteenth day of the month or
73 such later day as may be prescribed in the guidelines promulgated under § 58.1-3532, listing any
74 changes, additions or deletions to the information provided under subsection B as of the last day of the
75 preceding month.

76 D. The application for title or registration shall contain such additional information as may be
77 required by the Department.

78 E. The Department may require that an applicant present proof reasonably acceptable to the
79 Department of the accuracy of information provided on the application, including proof of identity, and
80 may refuse to issue a certificate of title until such proof has been provided.