

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-603.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to electronic vehicle titling*
3 *and registration.*

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5 Approved

[S 215]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 46.2-603.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 46.2-603.1. Electronic titling and registration program.**

9 ~~The~~A. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Department may establish an*
10 *electronic titling program for any "new motor vehicle" as that term is defined in § 46.2-1500.*
11 *Participants in the electronic titling program shall submit electronic applications for original motor*
12 *vehicle titles in a form and format prescribed by the Department. Participants must provide all*
13 *documentation or information required by the Department to process the electronic title application,*
14 *including an electronic information from a manufacturer's certificate of origin or certificate of ownership*
15 *and any information required by the Department in accordance with § 46.2-623. The records of a*
16 *nationally recognized motor vehicle title database shall may be searched prior to transfer of vehicle*
17 *ownership. Participants shall collect from the purchaser of the new motor vehicle any fee charged for*
18 *the search of the nationally recognized motor vehicle title database. The Department may impose a*
19 *reasonable service fee in accordance with fair market prices for the use of digital signature services as*
20 *part of this program. Such fees shall be used to defray the costs of the transaction to the Department.*
21 *Any transaction fees imposed and collected by the Department shall be paid into the state treasury and*
22 *set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department. Upon receipt of a*
23 *completed electronic application, the Department shall refrain from issuing a certificate of title in paper*
24 *form and, instead, shall create only the electronic record of such title to be retained by the Department*
25 *in its existing electronic title record system with a notation that no certificate of title has been printed on*
26 *paper. The owner of a motor vehicle will be deemed to have obtained and the Department will be*
27 *deemed to have issued a certificate of title when such title record has been created electronically as*
28 *provided in this section. An owner listed on a title record so created may at any time request and the*
29 *Department shall provide a paper certificate of title for the vehicle.*

30 *B. Upon receipt of a completed electronic application, the Department shall permit the online*
31 *registration of a motor vehicle by participants, and is hereby authorized to issue a temporary certificate*
32 *of registration to participants. The temporary certificate of registration issued by the Department to*
33 *participants shall expire when the permanent license plates have been affixed to the motor vehicle, but*
34 *in no event shall any temporary certificate of registration issued under this section be effective for more*
35 *than 30 days from the date of its issuance.*

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