Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023

SENATE BILL NO. 2111
(Transportation Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 39-05-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to certificate of title to be allowed in electronic form.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 39-05-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-05-09. Issuance, contents, delivery, and term of certificate.

1. After checking the application for a certificate as provided in section 39-05-08 and except as provided in subsection 4, the department, if it is satisfied that the applicant is the person entitled to the possession of the vehicle, shall issue a certificate of title in paper or electronic form, which must contain:

   a. The name of the owner.

   b. The vehicle identification number.

   c. The signature of the director.

   d. The date issued.

   e. A description of the vehicle as determined by the department.

   f. A statement of the owner's title and of all liens or encumbrances upon the vehicle therein described and whether possession is held by the owner or lienholder.

2. ~~Upon the reverse side of such certificate must be contained forms~~Forms must be made available on the reverse side of the paper version or electronically for the assignment of title or interest and warranty thereof by the owner with a space for the notation of liens and encumbrances upon such vehicle at the time of a transfer.

3. The amount of any lien or encumbrance upon the vehicle need not be shown anywhere on the certificate of title, only the fact of such lien or encumbrance, and the identity of the lienholder or encumbrancer. The department shall deliver the certificate of title to the owner or first lienholder. The certificate is good for the life of the vehicle as long as the vehicle is owned or held by the original holder of the certificate.

4. The department may not issue a certificate of title for a manufactured home with respect to which there has been recorded an affidavit of affixation under section 47-10-27.

5. The holder of a manufacturer's certificate of origin to a manufactured home may deliver it to a person to facilitate conveying or encumbering the manufactured home. A person receiving a manufacturer's certificate of origin so delivered holds the certificate in trust for the person delivering the certificate.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a certificate of title issued by the department for a manufactured home is prima facie evidence of the facts appearing on the certificate, notwithstanding that the manufactured home, at any time, becomes affixed in any manner to real property.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2111.

Senate Vote:	Yeas 44	Nays 3	Absent 0
House Vote:	Yeas 74	Nays 11	Absent 9

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

Secretary of State