

Good morning, Chairperson and members of the Committee. I'm Brad Schaffer, director of Driver and Vehicle Services for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to support House Bill 1118.

House Bill 1118 proposes the removal of the 30-day temporary permit on the back of the registration card. These cards are almost impossible to trace, and often multiple copies are found within a single vehicle. Additionally, outdated registration cards can be sold to individuals who may use them for illegal activities, such as committing crimes or evading excise tax and registration fees.

In November 2015, the Motor Vehicle Division began offering a more secure option for obtaining a 30-day temporary registration card. An online system was developed to streamline the process by allowing users to enter owner and vehicle information, instantly generating a printable permit. The temporary permits are free of charge, and only one permit can be issued per vehicle. For those without internet access or a printer, 30-day permits can be printed at any of the 52 NDDOT kiosks.

Over time, this system has been continuously improved. A significant update in September 2024 allows law enforcement agencies to access and view temporary registration permits through the NDDOT website and the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) portal. Since the update, several law enforcement agencies have requested access to the system and have provided positive feedback about its effectiveness.

This bill aligns with efforts to improve transparency, security, and efficiency in the temporary vehicle registration process.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.