

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. I'm Brad Schaffer, director of Driver and Vehicle Services for the North Dakota Department of Transportation. I'm here to provide neutral testimony for House Bill 1155.

Currently if a North Dakota resident owns a vehicle for which they are unable to obtain a proper certificate of title, the Motor Vehicle Division will check the division's records as well as those of other states to determine if a certificate of title has previously been issued.

If no record is found, the Motor Vehicle Division will issue a North Dakota certificate of title upon receipt of a notarized bill of sale, a photograph of the vehicle identification number plate, certificate of VIN inspection, current photographs of the front, side, and rear of the vehicle, a copy of the North Dakota driver's license, statement of ownership and a statement of fact if the vehicle is not going to be registered. A vehicle inspection is needed for the vehicle to be registered, as well as appropriate title fees, license fees (if applicable), and motor vehicle excise taxes will need to be paid.

House Bill 1155 proposes creating a new collector title brand, which may not be recognized in another state. It also would allow non-residents to obtain a collector title. It is not clear what is meant by "satisfactory proof of ownership" as currently stated in the bill.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.