

Good morning, Mr. Chairman 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.

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.

A significant update in September 2024 allows law enforcement agencies to access and view temporary registration permits through both 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 the effectiveness.

The House amended the 30-day permit to extend it to 75 days, ensuring consistency with the temporary permits that are issued by auto dealers.

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

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