

This is my testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2247 which is open for discussion. My question is how or why can't this process be simplified of titling a vehicle which supports a VIN? This process seems to get more complicated as time goes by for a simple request. Years back when a Highway Patrol officer would come out to do a VIN inspection/verification for a title, the process was simple & quick. This process was then turned over to the public sector to perform. I operate one of those businesses that do the inspections on behalf of the state of North Dakota, since this responsibility was removed from the Highway Patrol. The more forms and regulations that are being incorporated, are making this process confusing as everyone in the title process at the state & public level are not educated on the process to get a common response for titling. ND Department of Transportation has all the necessary forms (SFN). The buyer of the vehicle shall be held responsible for the documentation needed for titling, not the seller as they often hold possession but may not own the vehicle as per a document. The public's persona of the over value of older unrestored none operational vehicles is an illusion. As they have no idea of the cost to get a vehicle restored back to a safe roadworthy vehicle. SB 2247 is not perfect, but a good start with some wording changes. There is a need to simplify the title process.

On a personal note, I have been operating a vehicle restoration shop for over 25 years and have witnessed the title process become frustrating. I myself also do safety inspections on behalf of the National Street Rod Association, along with being the president of the North Dakota Street Rod Association over the past several years. I would ask for your support in simplifying this title process. Thank You!

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