

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 39-05-05, 39-05-16.1, 39-05-17 and 39-05-33
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the filing of liens on a motor vehicle; and to repeal
3 section 39-05-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the delivery of a certificate of
4 title.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

8 **39-05-05. Application for certificate of title - Contents - Fee to accompany.**

- 9 1. An application for a certificate of title must be made upon ~~an appropriate a~~ form
10 ~~furnished or approved~~ by the department and must contain all of the following:
- 11 a. A full description of the vehicle, including the name of the manufacturer, either
12 the engine, serial, or identification number, and any other distinguishing
13 marks. The department may assign a vehicle identification number for a
14 vehicle not otherwise assigned a number. The assigned number must be
15 permanently affixed to the vehicle and the department may require the vehicle
16 be inspected before issuing a certificate of title for the vehicle.
 - 17 b. A statement as to whether the vehicle is new or used.
 - 18 c. A statement ~~of the applicant's title and of any liens or encumbrances upon the~~
19 ~~vehicle~~ the names and addresses of any lienholders in the order of priority.
 - 20 d. The name and address of the person to whom the certificate of title must be
21 delivered.
 - 22 e. ~~The names and addresses of any lienholders in the order of their priority and~~
23 ~~the dates of their security agreements.~~

- 1 f. ~~If applicable, a statement as to whether the vehicle for which certificate of title~~
2 ~~is sought~~ is a specially constructed, reconstructed, or foreign vehicle, ~~such~~
3 ~~facts must be stated in the application.~~
- 4 g. ~~f.~~ The ~~buyer's~~ owners street address, city, and county, or township and county,
5 of residence ~~and the~~ a dealer shall make specific inquiry ~~relative thereto~~ as to
6 this information before filling in ~~such~~ the information on the application.
- 7 h. ~~g.~~ The department may require odometer disclosure information as required
8 under the Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-579].
- 9 i. ~~h.~~ ~~Such~~ Any other information as required by the department ~~may require.~~
- 10 2. The owner of every vehicle ~~which~~ that has been registered outside of this state
11 shall surrender to the department the certificate of title and registration card or
12 other evidence ~~which~~ that may satisfy the department the applicant is the lawful
13 owner or possessor of the vehicle.
- 14 3. If the vehicle for which certificate of title is sought is a new vehicle, ~~no~~ a certificate
15 of title may not be issued unless a certificate of origin executed by the
16 manufacturer of ~~such~~ the vehicle is attached to the application for registration or is
17 attached to the application for the certificate of title for the vehicle. If the new
18 vehicle for which certificate of title is sought is of foreign manufacture, the
19 certificate of origin must be furnished by the importer of the vehicle. The
20 manufacturer or importer of all new vehicles shall designate the total shipping
21 weight of the vehicle on the certificate of origin.
- 22 4. When a new vehicle is purchased from a dealer, the application for the certificate
23 of title must include a statement of the transfer by the dealer ~~and of any lien~~
24 ~~retained by the dealer or other lienholder. If the title to the vehicle is reserved by~~
25 ~~the dealer or other lienholder, the certificate must be made out to the dealer or~~
26 ~~lienholder and delivered to that person as the owner or lienholder of the vehicle.~~
- 27 5. ~~Every~~ Each application must be accompanied by a fee of five dollars, which is in
28 addition to any fee charged for the registration of ~~such~~ the vehicle.

29 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-05-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

31 **39-05-16.1. Release of a security interest.**

- 1 1. Upon the satisfaction of a security interest in a vehicle for which the certificate of
2 title is in the possession of the lienholder, the lienholder shall, within ten days after
3 demand, and in any event within thirty days, execute a release of the lienholder's
4 security interest ~~as in a manner prescribed by the department prescribes.~~ The The
5 lienholder shall:
- 6 a. Mail or deliver the certificate of title and release to the next lienholder named
7 on the certificate of title, who shall, within thirty days of receipt, mail or deliver
8 the certificate of title, release, and a fee of five dollars to the department. The
9 department shall issue and mail or deliver a new certificate of title to the first
10 lienholder named on the new certificate of title.
- 11 b. If there are no other lienholders named on the certificate of title, mail or deliver
12 the certificate of title and release to the owner or ~~any other person who~~
13 ~~delivers to the lienholder an authorization from the owner to receive the~~
14 ~~certificate of title and release~~ the owner's designee. The person receiving the
15 certificate of title and release shall, within thirty days of receipt, mail or deliver
16 the certificate of title, release, and a fee of five dollars to the department. The
17 department may prescribe further application procedures and, upon
18 determining that there has been a proper compliance with these procedures,
19 shall issue a new certificate of title and mail or deliver it to the owner or ~~any~~
20 ~~person the owner authorizes to receive it~~ owner's designee.
- 21 2. Upon the satisfaction of a security interest in a vehicle for which the certificate of
22 title is in the possession of a prior lienholder, the lienholder whose security interest
23 is satisfied shall within ten days after demand and, in any event within thirty days,
24 execute a release in the form the department prescribes and deliver the release to
25 the owner or ~~any person who delivers to the lienholder an authorization from the~~
26 ~~owner to receive it~~ the owner's designee. ~~The~~ If the owner delivers the release to
27 the lienholder in possession of the certificate of title upon receipt of the release that
28 the lienholder in possession of the certificate of title shall either deliver the
29 certificate of title to the owner or the person authorized by the owner for delivery to
30 the department; or, upon receipt of the release, mail or deliver it with the release

1 and the certificate of title to the department ~~which shall~~, upon the payment of a five
2 dollar fee, issue a new certificate.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **39-05-17. Transfer of title of vehicle - Endorsement required - Certificate of title**
6 **delivered - New certificate obtained - Penalty.**

- 7 1. The owner of a motor vehicle who ~~sells or~~ transfers title to a vehicle shall endorse
8 an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate of title for the vehicle, ~~with~~
9 ~~a statement whether there are liens or encumbrances thereon, which statement~~
10 ~~must be verified by the owner.~~ The owner shall include on the assignment and
11 warranty of title the name of the ~~purchaser~~ transferee and the selling price of the
12 vehicle. ~~The~~
- 13 2. If legal title passes to the transferee, the owner shall deliver the endorsed
14 certificate of title to the ~~purchaser if title passes to the purchaser~~ within fifteen
15 days.
- 16 3. If the legal title does not pass to the ~~purchaser under the terms of the contract for~~
17 ~~sale of the vehicle~~ transferee but to a lienholder, the lienholder transferee shall
18 endorse ~~thereon~~ a statement that the lienholder holds the lien, ~~the date thereof,~~
19 ~~and the name of the purchaser,~~ and shall send the certificate of title to the
20 department with an application ~~of the purchaser~~ for a new certificate of title
21 showing the name of the new owner, and lienholder, ~~and the date of the lien of the~~
22 ~~lienholder, which.~~ The certificate of title when issued must be returned sent by the
23 department to the lienholder, ~~who shall retain the same in the lienholder's~~
24 ~~possession until the terms of the contract are complied with by the purchaser, and~~
25 ~~thereupon, after showing the lien has been paid and satisfied the lienholder shall~~
26 ~~deliver the certificate of title properly assigned to the purchaser. The purchaser or~~
27 or the department may use an electron ic lien notification procedure in lieu of
28 sending a certificate of title to a lienholder within thirty days after receipt, the
29 transferee shall ~~present~~ deliver the endorsed ~~and assigned~~ certificate of title to the
30 department, ~~within thirty days after the receipt thereof, accompanied by~~ with a
31 transfer fee of five dollars, and shall make an application for ~~and obtain~~ a new

1 certificate of title ~~for the vehicle~~. In addition to any other penalty, the registration to
2 a motor vehicle may be suspended or revoked ~~whenever~~ if the ~~purchaser or~~
3 transferee fails to present the endorsed ~~and assigned~~ certificate of title to the
4 department for transfer and make application for a new certificate of title within ~~the~~
5 ~~prescribed~~ thirty days. The department shall deliver the new certificate of title to
6 the lienholder with priority. If there is no lienholder, delivery is made to the
7 ~~purchaser~~ new owner.

8 4. A violation of the provisions of this section by a owner or transferee is a class B
9 misdemeanor.

10 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-05-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **39-05-33. General penalty.** Any person except the department violating any of the
13 provisions of this chapter for which another penalty is not provided specifically is guilty of a
14 class B misdemeanor.

15 **SECTION 5. REPEAL.** Section 39-05-17.1 of the of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 repealed.