

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides for the transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:707(B)(3), relative to the transfer of ownership of a vehicle; to provide for  
3 the transfer of ownership to an insurer resulting from a claim settlement; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:707(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §707. Application for certificates of title; exception; salvage title; antique vehicles;  
8 reconstructed title

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10 B.

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12 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a transfer of  
13 ownership of a vehicle to an insurer, resulting from the settlement of a total loss  
14 claim, shall not require a notarized signature on the vehicle's certificate of title.  
15 Supporting documents required for a transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer,  
16 resulting from the settlement of a total loss claim, shall not require a notarized  
17 signature, if signed electronically at a National Institute of Standards (NIST) Level  
18 2 or higher authentication.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for the transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer.

Present law provides that any purchaser of a vehicle, other than a mobile home, shall file an application for a new certificate of title within five days after the delivery of a previously issued certificate of title for such vehicle, or within five days of the delivery of the vehicle, if a certificate of title has not been previously issued.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer, resulting from the settlement of a total loss claim, shall not require a notarized signature on the vehicle's certificate of title.

Proposed law provides that supporting documents required for a transfer of ownership of a vehicle to an insurer, resulting from the settlement of a total loss claim, shall not require a notarized signature, if signed electronically at a National Institute of Standards (NIST) Level 2 or higher authentication.

(Adds R.S. 32:707(B)(3))