

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 199

BY SENATOR COUSSAN

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to motor vehicle titles. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the section heading of R.S. 32:705 and to enact R.S. 32:705(E),
3 relative to motor vehicle titles; to provide for the delivery of certificate of title; to
4 require the acceptance of the assignment of title; to provide for exceptions to
5 certificate of title requirements; to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The section heading of R.S. 32:705 is hereby amended and reenacted and
8 R.S. 32:705(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §705. ~~Delivery~~ **Acceptance and delivery** of certificate to purchaser of vehicle

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11 **E. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the following errors in**
12 **an assignment of title shall not preclude the Department of Public Safety and**
13 **Corrections, office of motor vehicles from accepting the assignment of title when**
14 **submitted with a document transferring ownership and properly endorsed,**
15 **pursuant to Subsection B of this Section:**

16 **(a) Spelling of seller or purchaser's name is in error or illegible.**

17 **(b) The seller signed their name incorrectly.**

1 **(c) The seller assigned the title to himself in error.**

2 **(d) The seller or purchaser's name is misspelled and corrected with a**
3 **strikeover.**

4 **(e) An error in the address.**

5 **(f) An error in the date of sale, provided that the error does not impact**
6 **fees or penalties.**

7 **(2) The office of motor vehicles and licensed public tag agents shall be**
8 **held harmless for relying upon information on a properly endorsed agreement**
9 **to sell vehicle.**

10 **(3) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall promulgate**
11 **rules as necessary for the implementation of this Subsection.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

	DIGEST	
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Present law provides for requirements of selling a vehicle including the definition of endorsement.

Proposed law provides OMV shall accept a properly endorsed agreement to sell regardless of errors in assignment of title.

Proposed law provides for rulemaking authority.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 32:705(section heading); adds R.S. 32:705(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides for rulemaking.
3. Removes proposed exception to certificate requirements for incorrect VIN.