

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 888

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, CREWS, ILLG, AND WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:473(H), 519(A), 520(E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 47:519(P),
3 520(G) through (I), and 521(D), relative to certain requirements for the design,
4 authentication, and regulation of temporary registration plates; to provide for dealer
5 inventory plates requirements; to provide for effectiveness of application fees; to
6 provide for security features and design of temporary registration plates; to provide
7 for placement of temporary registration plates; to provide for rule promulgation of
8 temporary registration plates to prevent counterfeiting; and to provide for related
9 matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 47:473(H), 519(A), 520(E), and (F) are hereby amended and
12 reenacted and R.S. 47:519(P), 520(G) through (I) and 521(D) are hereby enacted to read as
13 follows:

14 §473. Dealer inventory plates

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16 H.(1) Dealers may allow authorized employees of educational institutions
17 or licensed sales representatives of the dealer, or both, to use, for any purpose, a
18 motor vehicle to which the dealer has attached a dealer inventory plate, provided the
19 arrangement does not constitute renting or leasing the vehicle to the employee or
20 sales representative. Renting or leasing does not include those transactions where
21 a dealer-provided automobile is treated as a taxable fringe benefit to the licensed
22 sales representative of the dealer under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 61 et seq. and the
23 regulations issued thereunder.

1 (1) Approve all paper or card stock for use in print-on-demand temporary
 2 registration plates to incorporate security features designed to prevent counterfeiting,
 3 forgery, alteration, or duplication, including but not limited to:

4 (a) A machine readable, serialized identifier.

5 (b) At least one anti-counterfeiting visual security feature, which may
 6 include embedded security markings such as latent images or void pantograph
 7 technologies, holographic or tamper-evident elements, or official state-approved
 8 insignias or seals.

9 (c) Durable synthetic or coated substrates meeting the standards established
 10 by the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of
 11 motor vehicles, for print permanence and weather resistance.

12 (2) Ensure temporary registration plates shall be generated only through the
 13 electronic issuance system approved by the commissioner of the office of motor
 14 vehicles, and no temporary registration plate number, image, or format may be
 15 reproduced, duplicated, altered, or generated outside of this system.

16 (3) Ensure that temporary registration plates, including substrate, printing
 17 methods, inks, and materials, remain fully legible and structurally intact for the full
 18 period of the authorized temporary registration. For purposes of this Subsection,
 19 ordinary weather conditions shall be presumed to include outdoor exposure for a
 20 minimum of sixty days, including exposure to rain, sunlight, heat, humidity, wind,
 21 and normal vehicle operation. Fading, discoloration, bleeding of ink, warping,
 22 delamination, or loss of contrast that materially impairs legibility during the
 23 authorized registration period shall constitute noncompliance with this Section.

24 (4) The commissioner shall promulgate rules establishing minimum security,
 25 material, durability, and legibility standards for the approved paper or card stock and
 26 may replace or redesignate the approved paper or card stock if it fails to meet such
 27 standards.

28 (5) Use printing methods, inks, and materials that are of sufficient quality to
 29 ensure that required information, including the registration number, expiration date,

1 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 47:519(P) shall become effective when the
 2 commissioner provides public notice of the date that the electronic issuance system is
 3 established for print-on-demand temporary registration plates and the secure paper or card
 4 stock is approved and implemented by the commissioner.

5 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____