

House Bill No. 11

An act relating to motor vehicle title certificates; amending s. 319.23, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to maintain certain records for 10 years; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 319.23, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that section, to read:

319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of title.—

(5) The certificate of title issued by the department for a motor vehicle or mobile home previously registered outside this state shall give the name of the state or country in which the vehicle was last registered outside this state. ~~The department shall retain the evidence of title presented by the applicant upon which the certificate of title is issued.~~ The department shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts in the application are true; and, if satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the motor vehicle or mobile home and that the application is in the proper form, it shall issue a certificate of title.

(11) All titles, manufacturers' statements of origin, applications, and supporting documents submitted with the application, including, but not limited to, odometer statements, vehicle identification number verifications, bills of sale, indicias of ownership, dealer reassignments, photographs, and any personal identification, affidavits, or documents required by or submitted to the department, shall be retained by the department for not less than 10 years.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2004.

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