

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
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*As Engrossed: S4/7/03*  
**A Bill**

**Act 1329 of 2003**  
HOUSE BILL 2342

5 By: Representative Petrus  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN  
10 VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

12 AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE REGISTRATION OF  
13 FOREIGN VEHICLES.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 14, Subchapter 7 is amended  
20 by adding an additional section to read as follows:

21 27-14-724. Foreign vehicle inspection - Exception.

22 (a) For the purposes of this section, "foreign vehicle" means every  
23 vehicle of a type required to be registered under this chapter that is  
24 brought into this state from another state, territory, or country, and that  
25 is not registered in this state, and every vehicle of a type required to be  
26 registered under this chapter for which the owner does not have a properly  
27 endorsed and assigned certificate of title or manufacturer's certificate of  
28 origin.

29 (b)(1) Every application for registration and certificate of title for  
30 a foreign vehicle must be accompanied by a verification of the vehicle  
31 identification numbers.

32 (2) The verification shall be conducted by a certified law  
33 enforcement officer of any city or county in Arkansas, or by the Arkansas  
34 State Police or a designee of the Arkansas State Police.

35 (3)(A) If the vehicle is taken to a city or county law enforcement  
36 agency facility, or to an Arkansas State Police facility for inspection, the



1 inspection shall be conducted at no charge.

2 (B) Any vehicle that is required to be inspected at a location  
3 other than a city or county law enforcement facility, or an Arkansas State  
4 Police facility, shall be inspected by the Arkansas State Police or its  
5 designee, for a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) that shall be dedicated  
6 to cover or defray the cost of the verification process.

7 (4) The Department of Arkansas State Police shall adopt reasonable  
8 rules to ensure that the verification process is available at convenient  
9 times and locations.

10 (c)(1) No verification of vehicle identification numbers is required  
11 of a new resident who is a natural person, has established residency in the  
12 state, has a valid Arkansas driver's license, and is seeking an Arkansas  
13 title to a vehicle with an out-of-state certificate of title.

14 (2) The out-of-state certificate of title shall be issued to the  
15 same name as reflected on the Arkansas driver's license.

16 (d) Any person, firm, corporation, or trust licensed under the  
17 provisions of §§ 23-112-301 through 23-112-315, may provide the required  
18 verification on their inventory on a form prescribed by the Department of  
19 Arkansas State Police.

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21 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
22 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that automobile thieves throughout  
23 the United States are registering stolen vehicles in Arkansas and obtaining  
24 certificates of title to these vehicles; that requiring verification of a  
25 vehicle identification number for foreign vehicles by an authorized law  
26 enforcement agency in Arkansas will reduce the sale of stolen vehicles and  
27 the rate of insurance fraud; and that this act accomplishes those goals  
28 without interfering with the registration process for bona fide new residents  
29 of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
30 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
31 safety shall become effective on:

32 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

33 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
34 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
35 bill; or

36 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is

1 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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*/s/ Petrus*

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