

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 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1002

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5 By: Representative Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
10 NUMBER VERIFICATION FOR FOREIGN VEHICLES; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 TO ELIMINATE THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
14 NUMBER VERIFICATION FOR FOREIGN
15 VEHICLES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-724 is repealed.

22 ~~27-14-724. Foreign vehicle inspection—Exception.~~

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

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

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

36 ~~(3)(A) If the vehicle is taken to a city or county law~~



1 enforcement agency facility or to a department facility for inspection, the
2 inspection shall be conducted at no charge.

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

8 (4) The department shall adopt reasonable rules to ensure that
9 the verification process is available at convenient 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 is reflected on the Arkansas driver's license.

16 (d) Any person, firm, corporation, or trust licensed under the
17 provisions of § 23-112-301 et seq. may provide the required verification on
18 its inventory on a form prescribed by the department.

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20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the vehicle identification
22 number verification law is overbroad; that the law enforcement agencies and
23 state police in border counties and municipalities in the state are being
24 inundated with requests to inspect foreign vehicles; that since there is no
25 charge for the inspection if the vehicle is taken to a law enforcement agency
26 facility or Department of Arkansas State Police facility for inspection, law
27 enforcement agencies and the state police are using their limited resources
28 not for law enforcement, but for this additional administrative duty; and
29 that this act is immediately necessary to remove this administrative duty
30 from law enforcement officers to improve morale and improve the safety and
31 security of the citizens of the State of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency
32 is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
33 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
34 on:

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

36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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