CHAPTER 1059

MOTOR VEHICLE PREVIOUS OWNER PERSONAL INFORMATION — CERTIFICATE OF TITLE CONTENTS — COUNTY AND STATE RECORD SYSTEMS

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AN ACT relating to personal information of the previous owner of a motor vehicle.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.24, subsections 3 and 9, Code 2024, are amended to read as follows:

3. The certificate of title ~~shall~~ must contain upon its face the identical information required upon the face of the registration receipt. In addition, the certificate of title ~~shall~~ must contain a statement of the owner's title, the title number assigned to the owner or owners of the vehicle, ~~the name and address of the previous owner,~~ and a statement of all security interests and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle described, including the nature of the security interest, date of perfection, and name and mailing address of the secured party.

9. The county treasurer or the department shall maintain in the county or department records system the information contained on the certificate of title and the name and address of the previous owner. The information ~~shall~~ must be accessible by title certificate number for a period of three years from the date of notification of cancellation of title or date that a new title has been issued as provided in this chapter. Copies the department requires shall be sent to the department in the manner and at the time the department directs. The department shall designate a uniform system of title numbers to indicate the county of issuance.

Sec. 2. Section 321.31, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. The department shall install and maintain a records system which ~~shall~~ must contain the name and address of the vehicle owner, current and previous registration number, vehicle identification number, make, model, style, date of purchase, registration certificate number, maximum gross weight, weight, list price or value of the vehicle as fixed by the department, fees paid, ~~and~~ date of payment, and the name and address of the previous owner. The records system ~~shall~~ must also contain a record of the certificate of title including such information as the department deems necessary. The information to be kept in the records system shall be entered within forty-eight hours after receipt insofar as is practical. The records system shall constitute the permanent record of ownership of each vehicle titled under the laws of this state.

Sec. 3. Section 321.31, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. Each county treasurer's office shall maintain a county records system for vehicle registration and certificate of title documents. The records system ~~shall~~ must consist of information from the certificate of title, including the date of perfection and cancellation of security interests, ~~and~~ information from the registration receipt, and the name and address of the previous owner. The information shall be maintained in a manner approved by the department.

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