321.31 Records system.
A state and county records system shall be maintained in the following manner:
1. State records system.
   a. The department shall install and maintain a records system which shall 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. The records system shall 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.
   b. The department may make photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of
      certificates of title, registration receipts, or other records, reports or documents which are
      required to be retained by the department. When copies have been made, the department
      may destroy the original records in such manner as prescribed by the director. The
      photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies, when no longer of use, may be
      destroyed in the manner prescribed by the director, subject to the approval of the state
      records commission. Photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of records shall be
      admissible in evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having custody
      and control of the copies of records. Records of vehicle certificates of title may be destroyed
      seven years after the date of issue.
   c. The director shall maintain a records system of delinquent accounts owed to the state
      using information provided through the computerized data bank established in section
      421.17. The department and county treasurers shall use the information maintained in
      the records system to determine if applicants for renewal of registration have delinquent
      accounts, charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness owed to or being collected by the
      state as provided pursuant to section 8A.504. The director, the director of the department of
      administrative services, and the director of revenue shall establish procedures for updating
      the delinquent accounts records to add and remove accounts, as applicable.
2. County records system.
   a. Each county treasurer’s office shall maintain a county records system for vehicle
      registration and certificate of title documents. The records system shall consist of
      information from the certificate of title, including the date of perfection and cancellation of
      security interests, and information from the registration receipt. The information shall be
      maintained in a manner approved by the department.
   b. Records of vehicle certificates of title for vehicles that are delinquent for five or more
      consecutive years may be destroyed by the county treasurer. Automated files, optical disks,
      microfiche records, and photostatic, microfilm or other photographic copies of records shall be
      admissible in evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having custody
      and control of the records.

[S13, §1571-m2; C24, 27, 31, 35, §5010; C39, §5001.15; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75,
77, 79, 81, §321.31]
89 Acts, ch 185, §2; 95 Acts, ch 194, §3, 12; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §246; 2004 Acts, ch 1013, §6,
35; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180

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