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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to information required for nonresidents who
2 apply for vehicle registration and issuance of a certificate
3 of title.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. (1) If Except as provided in subparagraph (2), if the
4 vehicle is owned by a nonresident but is subject to issuance of
5 an Iowa certificate of title or registration, the application
6 shall must also contain the full legal name, Iowa driver's
7 license number or Iowa nonoperator's identification card number,
8 date of birth, bona fide residence, and mailing address of
9 the primary user of the vehicle. If the primary user is a
10 firm, association, or corporation, the application shall must
11 contain the bona fide business address and federal employer
12 identification number of the primary user. The primary user's
13 name and address shall not be printed on the registration receipt
14 or the certificate of title.

15 (2) If the vehicle is owned by a nonresident who owns real
16 property in this state, the vehicle is used primarily at the
17 Iowa property, and the vehicle is subject to issuance of an
18 Iowa certificate of title or registration, the application must
19 include reasonable proof, as determined by the department, that
20 the nonresident owns the property, and may contain the owner's
21 driver's license number or nonoperator's identification card
22 number issued by another state in lieu of both the primary user's
23 information required under subparagraph (1) and the owner's Iowa
24 driver's license number or Iowa nonoperator's identification card
25 number required under paragraph "a". The department shall adopt
26 rules regarding acceptable proof of ownership of the property
27 required under this subparagraph.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 Current law requires an owner of a vehicle to apply for
32 registration and issuance of a certificate of title if the
33 vehicle is required to be registered. The application must
34 include information about the owner, the vehicle, nonowner
35 interests in the vehicle, if applicable, the amount of the fee

1 for new registration, and other information as may reasonably
2 be required by the department of transportation (DOT). In
3 particular, the owner's full legal name, social security
4 number or Iowa driver's license number or Iowa nonoperator's
5 identification card number, date of birth, bona fide residence,
6 and mailing address are required.

7 In addition, if the vehicle is owned by a nonresident
8 but still subject to issuance of a certificate of title or
9 registration in Iowa, the application must also contain the full
10 legal name, Iowa driver's license number or Iowa nonoperator's
11 identification card number, date of birth, bona fide residence,
12 and mailing address of the primary user of the vehicle.

13 This bill provides for alternative application information
14 required for certain nonresidents. Nonresidents who own real
15 property in Iowa that are registering a vehicle that is used
16 primarily at that property may instead apply using the owner's
17 driver's license number or nonoperator's identification card
18 number issued by another state in lieu of both the primary
19 user's information and the Iowa's driver's license number or
20 nonoperator's identification card number required under current
21 law. A nonresident who applies for registration and issuance
22 of a certificate of title under the bill is required to provide
23 reasonable proof that the nonresident owns such property in Iowa.
24 The DOT must adopt rules regarding acceptable proof of property
25 ownership.