



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1208**

vehicle titles; out-of-state purchase

Purpose

Allows a vehicle certificate of title pending registration to be issued for a vehicle purchased out of state as prescribed.

Background

A person must apply to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for a certificate of title to a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer on a form prescribed or authorized by ADOT. The person must apply within 15 days after the purchase or transfer of the vehicle, trailer or semitrailer. A licensed motor vehicle dealer may make the application within 30 days after the purchase or transfer. All transferees must sign the application ([A.R.S. § 28-2051](#)).

A person must apply to ADOT for the registration of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer on a form prescribed or authorized by ADOT. The person must include required fees and the certificate of title to the vehicle for which registration is sought. The registering officer may waive the requirement of a certificate of title at the time of making an application for renewal if the registering officer has available complete and sufficient records to accurately compute the vehicle license tax ([A.R.S. § 28-2157](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Authorizes ADOT to issue a vehicle certificate of title pending registration for a vehicle purchased out of state if:
  - a) the vehicle was sold to a state resident by an out-of-state dealer; or
  - b) a lien or an encumbrance is filed on the vehicle by an out-of-state dealer or finance company.
2. Requires a state resident to complete the registration of a vehicle that is issued a certificate of title pending registration.
3. Makes conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.