

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 418

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to required credentials for registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or other vehicle to be operated on public highways. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:501(C)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 47:501(D), relative to  
3 registration of vehicles; to provide for required credentials for initial and first  
4 renewal of registration of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer; to provide for  
5 penalties for fraudulent execution of required credentials; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:501(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
9 47:501(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §501. Owner to secure registration

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12 C.(1) An individual applying for initial registration of a motor vehicle, trailer,  
13 semitrailer, or other vehicle intended to be operated upon the public highways of this  
14 state shall provide a current and valid photo identification which includes the owner's  
15 full legal name and license number or identification card number issued in this state;  
16 or another state, ~~or by the United States military~~. An individual applying for initial  
17 registration through the mail shall include a copy of a current and valid photo

1 identification which includes the owner's full legal name and license number or  
2 identification card number issued in this state; or another state; ~~or by the United~~  
3 ~~States military~~ with his application. **If the individual does not possess any of the**  
4 **credentials specified in this Paragraph, the individual shall certify in writing**  
5 **that he does not possess any of the credentials specified in this Paragraph on a**  
6 **form approved by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Any**  
7 **application which is not accompanied by a copy of the credential or the**  
8 **certification required by this Paragraph shall not be accepted or processed by**  
9 **the department after January 1, 2015.** The individual's full legal name and the  
10 number on ~~the~~ any identification provided shall be placed on the application.

11 (2) An individual applying for the first renewal of registration of a motor  
12 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or other vehicle intended to be operated upon the public  
13 highways of this state shall provide a current and valid photo identification which  
14 includes the owner's full legal name and license number or identification card  
15 number issued in this state; or another state; ~~or by the United States military.~~ An  
16 individual applying for a first renewal through the mail shall include a copy of a  
17 current and valid photo identification which includes the owner's full legal name and  
18 license number or identification card number issued in this state, another state, or by  
19 the United States military with his application. The individual's full legal name and  
20 the number on the identification provided shall be placed on the application.

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22 **D. Any person who executes a false, fraudulent, or altered certification,**  
23 **or who knowingly submits a false, fraudulent, or altered certification to the**  
24 **Department of Public Safety and Corrections in an application submitted**  
25 **pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall be fined an amount not to exceed**  
26 **five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

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The original instrument was prepared by Margaret M. Corley. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cathy Wells.

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#### DIGEST

Gary Smith (SB 418)

Present law requires the registration of every vehicle. Requires an individual applying for initial registration of a vehicle to provide or include a copy of a current and valid photo identification.

Proposed law allows an individual who does not possess any of the required credentials to certify, on a form approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, that he does not possess any of the credentials specified.

Proposed law provides that the execution of a false, fraudulent, or altered certification may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 47:501(C)(1) and (2); adds R.S. 47:501(D))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Removes identification card issued by United States military as means to provide current and valid photo identification to register or renew registration of vehicle.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical correction.