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H. F. No. 4271

03/12/2026 Authored by Olson and Perryman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; modifying electronic motor vehicle registration and
1.3 title transfer procedures; authorizing electronic signatures for motor registration
1.4 and vehicle title transfers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.33,
1.5 subdivision 8a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 168;
1.6 168A.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. 168.0133 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.10 the meanings given.

1.11 (b) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless,
1.12 optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

1.13 (c) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or
1.14 logically associated with a document, form, physical odometer document, or other record
1.15 and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign, agree to, or otherwise
1.16 acknowledge the information and facts contained within the document, form, physical
1.17 odometer document, or other record are accurate.

1.18 (d) "Physical odometer document" means a document containing an odometer disclosure
1.19 statement printed on paper by a secure printing process or other secure process by any
1.20 jurisdiction in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 580. Physical
1.21 odometer document includes certificates of title, secure powers of attorney, and reassignment
1.22 documents. Physical odometer document does not include any other form or document,
1.23 even if the document contains a space for an odometer reading.

2.1 Subd. 2. Acceptance of electronic signatures. (a) The commissioner must accept
2.2 electronic signatures on any document, form, physical odometer document, or record
2.3 necessary or required under this chapter.

2.4 (b) A physical odometer document that is made electronic by imaging, scanning, or
2.5 other similar process: (1) is not an electronic power of attorney or electronic title, as defined
2.6 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 580.3; and (2) must be accepted if
2.7 subsequently executed with an electronic signature.

2.8 (c) The commissioner must accept any document, form, physical odometer document,
2.9 or record with an electronic signature by:

2.10 (1) electronic means if the commissioner has a process or system available to accept
2.11 documents, forms, physical odometer documents, or records by electronic means; or

2.12 (2) physical means, such that the document, form, physical odometer document, or
2.13 record is printed on paper.

2.14 (d) A physical odometer document that:

2.15 (1) is a certificate of title, secure power of attorney, or dealer reassignment;

2.16 (2) contains data or information completed by handwriting or printing;

2.17 (3) is subsequently made electronic by imaging, scanning, or other similar process;

2.18 (4) is signed electronically; and

2.19 (5) requires submission to the commissioner by physical means

2.20 must include with the submission the physical odometer document in its original format
2.21 prior to its execution by electronic signature.

2.22 Subd. 3. Requirements and limitations. (a) The commissioner:

2.23 (1) may require a document containing an electronic signature to include an indication
2.24 that the signature is electronic;

2.25 (2) must not require an electronic signature process or an electronic signature vendor
2.26 be certified by the commissioner before accepting a document that is executed with an
2.27 electronic signature;

2.28 (3) must not require a document that has been executed with an electronic signature to
2.29 be converted to physical format by printing for any purpose, except when submission by
2.30 physical means is required;

3.1 (4) must not impose any additional requirement upon an electronic signature except as
 3.2 authorized by this section; and

3.3 (5) may require a certification of authenticity, audit trail, or similar statement or proof
 3.4 of assurance.

3.5 (b) The system or person granting access to the system used to capture an electronic
 3.6 signature must verify the identity of the user accessing the system. The system must:

3.7 (1) be securely maintained;

3.8 (2) capture and retain the user's information, including the Internet Protocol address of
 3.9 the user and a date and time stamp of system access or electronic signature capture; and

3.10 (3) retain all information provided to the system for a period of five years, which must
 3.11 be made available upon request to the commissioner, other regulatory agencies, or law
 3.12 enforcement.

3.13 (c) This section must not be construed to require, limit, prohibit, or otherwise hinder the
 3.14 commissioner's ability to provide electronic services, systems, or alternative methods to
 3.15 receiving and transmitting electronic data, documents, or records, including electronic
 3.16 signature capturing or identity verification.

3.17 (d) This section must not be construed to require, limit, prohibit, or otherwise hinder the
 3.18 commissioner from providing or issuing an electronic power of attorney or electronic title,
 3.19 as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 580.3, or providing an electronic
 3.20 signature process, system, platform, or service.

3.21 Subd. 4. **Use of electronic signatures.** Electronic signatures may not be used for any
 3.22 purpose other than the purpose indicated by the signer on the document and must be linked
 3.23 to the signer's respective electronic records to ensure that the signature cannot be excised,
 3.24 copied, or otherwise transferred unless expressly authorized by the signer.

3.25 Subd. 5. **Conflict.** This section prevails in any conflict arising with any other provision
 3.26 in this chapter. The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act under chapter 325L prevails in
 3.27 any conflict with this section and governs any area not expressly addressed in this section.

3.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.33, subdivision 8a, is amended to read:

3.29 Subd. 8a. **Electronic transmission.** (a) If The commissioner ~~accepts~~ must accept
 3.30 electronic transmission of a motor vehicle transfer and registration by a new or used motor
 3.31 vehicle dealer, and other users, as authorized by the commissioner. A deputy registrar who
 3.32 is equipped with electronic transmission technology and trained in its use must receive the

4.1 filing fee provided for in subdivision 7 and review the transfer of each new or used motor
4.2 vehicle to determine its genuineness and regularity before issuance of a certificate of title,
4.3 and must receive and retain the filing fee under subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (2).

4.4 (b) The commissioner must establish reasonable performance, security, technical, and
4.5 financial standards to approve companies that provide computer software and services to
4.6 motor vehicle dealers to electronically transmit vehicle title transfer and registration
4.7 information and other documents. An approved company must be offered access to
4.8 department facilities, staff, and technology on a fair and reasonable basis. An approved
4.9 company must not have an ownership interest with a deputy registrar or a driver's license
4.10 agent. An approved company is not eligible to be appointed by the commissioner as a deputy
4.11 registrar or a driver's license agent.

4.12 (c) Physical documents transmitted in electronic form, such as by imaging, scanning,
4.13 or other similar means, must be retained by the person or entity submitting the documents,
4.14 as determined by the commissioner. Documents and information that are not produced in
4.15 physical form are not required to be converted to physical form for retention purposes but
4.16 must be retained electronically for a period of time as determined by the commissioner. A
4.17 person or entity that submits documents under this subdivision is not required to provide
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