



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 398

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Substitute House Bill No. 5371

House of Representatives, April 4, 2023

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN CAR DEALERS TO FILE
REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-61 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall require any dealer who is authorized to
5 issue a temporary transfer of registration in accordance with subsection
6 (a) of this section or a new registration in accordance with subsection (c)
7 of section 14-12 to file each application for a permanent registration
8 electronically if the commissioner determines that the dealer files, on
9 average, [seven] five or more such applications for permanent
10 registration each month with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any
11 dealer may make a written request to the commissioner for an
12 exemption from filing such applications electronically due to a
13 hardship, including, but not limited to, a lack of access to a device

14 capable of communicating electronically. The commissioner may enter
15 into an agreement with one or more nonprofit associations or
16 organizations representing the interests of motor vehicle dealers to file
17 such applications electronically on behalf of such dealer. The
18 commissioner may authorize such nonprofit association or organization
19 to charge a convenience fee, in an amount to be determined by the
20 commissioner, to each dealer for an application submitted electronically
21 by such nonprofit association or organization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	14-61(b)

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill potentially expands the number of car dealers who must file applications for permanent vehicle registrations electronically, and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill potentially increases the number of car dealers who must file applications for permanent vehicle registrations electronically. It does so by requiring dealers who provide registration services to file electronically if the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner determines a dealer files, on average, at least five applications monthly (rather than at least seven under current law).

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows dealers to request that DMV exempt them from electronic filing due to hardship (e.g., lacking access to a device capable of communicating electronically).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/17/2023)