

SENATE BILL 370: E-Signatures/Vehicle Title and Registration

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SUMMARY: S.L. 2015-270 does the following:

- Allows use of electronic signatures on Division of Motor Vehicles applications for titles and registration.
- Provides for electronic notice to Division of Motor Vehicles of satisfaction of a security interest through the new electronic lien system.

The electronic signature provision becomes effective August 1, 2016. The electronic notice provision became effective December 1, 2015.

BILL ANALYSIS: The act provides for electronic signatures on applications and electronic notifications to the Division of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

<u>Electronic signature on applications for title and registration.</u> Section 1 authorizes the submission of applications for title and registration and related documents with electronic signatures. The signature must comply with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and a signature that is notarized electronically must comply with the Electronic Notary Act.

<u>Electronic notice of release of security interest.</u> Section 2 requires electronic notice of release of a security interest in a vehicle when a lien is notated through the State's new electronic lien system. The secured party is required to send notice of the release within seven business days of the date of satisfaction, and upon receipt of the notice, the Division is required to mail a certificate of title within three business days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 of the act (electronic signature on title and registration applications) becomes effective August 1, 2016. Section 2 of the act (electronic notice of release of security interest) became effective December 1, 2015.

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