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HB1840

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/2-106.1 new
625 ILCS 5/3-405

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-405

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires the Secretary of State to accept forms and documents that are manually signed and scanned or signed with a digital signature as an alternative to physical hard copies when processing applications for vehicle registration.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 3-405 and by adding Section 2-106.1 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/2-106.1 new)

8 Sec. 2-106.1. Alternative registration forms and
9 documents.

10 (a) As used in this Section, "digital signature" has the
11 same meaning as defined in the Financial Institutions
12 Electronic Documents and Digital Signature Act.

13 (b) The Secretary shall accept forms and documents that
14 are manually signed and scanned or signed with a digital
15 signature in place of physical hard copies of such forms and
16 documents when processing vehicle registration applications.

17 (625 ILCS 5/3-405) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-405)

18 Sec. 3-405. Application for registration.

19 (a) Every owner of a vehicle subject to registration under
20 this Code shall make application to the Secretary of State for
21 the registration of such vehicle upon the appropriate form or
22 forms furnished by the Secretary. Except as provided in

1 Section 2-106.1, every ~~Every~~ such original application shall
2 bear the signature of the owner written with pen and ink and
3 contain:

4 1. The name, domicile address, as defined in Section
5 1-115.5 of this Code, (except as otherwise provided in
6 this paragraph 1), mail address of the owner or business
7 address of the owner if a firm, association, or
8 corporation, and, if available, email address of the
9 owner. If the mailing address is a post office box number,
10 the address listed on the driver license record may be
11 used to verify residence. A police officer, a deputy
12 sheriff, an elected sheriff, a law enforcement officer for
13 the Illinois State Police, a fire investigator, a state's
14 attorney, an assistant state's attorney, a state's
15 attorney special investigator, or a judicial officer may
16 elect to furnish the address of the headquarters of the
17 governmental entity, police district, or business address
18 where he or she works instead of his or her domicile
19 address, in which case that address shall be deemed to be
20 his or her domicile address for all purposes under this
21 Chapter 3. The spouse and children of a person who may
22 elect under this paragraph 1 to furnish the address of the
23 headquarters of the government entity, police district, or
24 business address where the person works instead of the
25 person's domicile address may, if they reside with that
26 person, also elect to furnish the address of the

1 headquarters of the government entity, police district, or
2 business address where the person works as their domicile
3 address, in which case that address shall be deemed to be
4 their domicile address for all purposes under this Chapter
5 3. In this paragraph 1: (A) "police officer" has the
6 meaning ascribed to "policeman" in Section 10-3-1 of the
7 Illinois Municipal Code; (B) "deputy sheriff" means a
8 deputy sheriff appointed under Section 3-6008 of the
9 Counties Code; (C) "elected sheriff" means a sheriff
10 commissioned pursuant to Section 3-6001 of the Counties
11 Code; (D) "fire investigator" means a person classified as
12 a peace officer under the Peace Officer Fire Investigation
13 Act; (E) "state's attorney", "assistant state's attorney",
14 and "state's attorney special investigator" mean a state's
15 attorney, assistant state's attorney, and state's attorney
16 special investigator commissioned or appointed under
17 Division 3-9 of the Counties Code; and (F) "judicial
18 officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1-10 of
19 the Judicial Privacy Act.

20 2. A description of the vehicle, including such
21 information as is required in an application for a
22 certificate of title, determined under such standard
23 rating as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

24 3. (Blank).

25 3.5. A space for a voluntary disclosure of a condition
26 that impedes effective communication under Section

1 3-405.5.

2 4. Such further information as may reasonably be
3 required by the Secretary to enable him to determine
4 whether the vehicle is lawfully entitled to registration
5 and the owner entitled to a certificate of title.

6 5. An affirmation by the applicant that all
7 information set forth is true and correct. If the
8 application is for the registration of a motor vehicle,
9 the applicant also shall affirm that the motor vehicle is
10 insured as required by this Code, that such insurance will
11 be maintained throughout the period for which the motor
12 vehicle shall be registered, and that neither the owner,
13 nor any person operating the motor vehicle with the
14 owner's permission, shall operate the motor vehicle unless
15 the required insurance is in effect. If the person signing
16 the affirmation is not the sole owner of the vehicle, such
17 person shall be deemed to have affirmed on behalf of all
18 the owners of the vehicle. If the person signing the
19 affirmation is not an owner of the vehicle, such person
20 shall be deemed to have affirmed on behalf of the owner or
21 owners of the vehicle. The lack of signature on the
22 application shall not in any manner exempt the owner or
23 owners from any provisions, requirements or penalties of
24 this Code.

25 (b) When such application refers to a new vehicle
26 purchased from a dealer the application shall be accompanied

1 by a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin from the dealer, and a
2 statement showing any lien retained by the dealer.
3 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-1069, eff. 7-1-23.)