



Vermont Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association

April 1, 2019 *(Happy April Fools' Day!)*

Representative Curt McCormack, Chair
House Transportation Committee
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

S.149, An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles and the Department of Motor Vehicles

Dear Chair McCormack and members of the House Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Vermont Vehicles and Automotive Distributors Association, I submit this letter in support of Sections 11 and 19-22 of S.149.

Sec. 11 (Designated Inspection Station Violations).

Section 11 makes changes to the DMV Commissioner's authority to impose fines on a designated inspection station or a certified inspection mechanic who violates the law related to vehicle inspections or the official inspection manual. Subsection (c) also makes technical corrections to the penalty titles. VADA is fine with both of these revisions.

Secs. 19 (Application for Certificate of Title), 20 (Resale by Dealer), 21 (Application for Registration by the Dealer), 22 (Title to Motor Vehicle Anti-Theft Provisions).

VADA supports these sections aimed at resolving an issue that dealers sometimes encounter when there is a lien from a sales finance company, bank or credit union on a vehicle the dealer takes in trade. In some instances, it can take time for the lienholder to release the lien on the traded-in vehicle and send the original certificate of title to the dealer. This prevents the dealer from reselling the traded-in vehicle until the title is received, which can be costly for the dealer.

These sections provide a solution to this issue. Where a lienholder holds the original certificate of title, Sections 19 and 20 allow a licensed dealer to sell the traded-in vehicle if the dealer completes a form prescribed by the Commissioner of DMV that provides proof of the transfer and provides up to 30 days for the dealer to mail or deliver the application for a certificate of title to DMV. Section 21 provides a dealer up to 30 days to file the application for registration of the vehicle in these situations. Section 22 modifies the time within which a person must get the title paperwork to DMV to up to 30 days to be consistent with Sections 19-21, or the dealer will face a penalty.

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This procedure is modeled on a New Hampshire law. This will help dealers sell traded-in vehicles more quickly and efficiently.

In sum, VADA urges the House Transportation Committee to support Sections 11 and 19-22 of S.149.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please call with questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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