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An act relating to certificate of title application requirements; amending s. 319.23, F.S.; including certain proof of identification and residency in requirements for certificate of title applications; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of section 319.23, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of title.-
- If a certificate of title has not previously been (3) issued for a motor vehicle or mobile home in this state, the application, unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, shall be accompanied by a proper bill of sale or sworn statement of ownership, or a duly certified copy thereof, or by a certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of ownership required by the law of the state or county from which the motor vehicle or mobile home was brought into this state. The application shall also be accompanied by:
- (d) 1. The applicant's proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:

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a. A driver license record or identification card record
from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit
a document for identification which is substantially similar to
a document required under sub-subparagraph b., sub-subparagraph
c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph
f., sub-subparagraph g., or sub-subparagraph h.
b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;
d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United
States Department of Homeland Security;
e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card
(green card);
f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
United States Department of State;
g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by
the United States Department of Homeland Security: or

- h. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security. In order to prove nonimmigrant classification, an applicant must provide at least one of the following documents. In addition, the department may require applicants to produce United States Department of Homeland Security documents for the sole purpose of establishing the maintenance of, or efforts to maintain, continuous lawful presence:
  - (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court

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scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.

- (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
- (III) A notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (IV) An official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (V) A notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to this state issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (VI) An order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States, including, but not limited to, asylum.
- (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available having a current priority date for processing by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- (VIII) An unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired
  United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94,
  documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.

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A driver license or temporary permit issued based on documents required in sub-subparagraph g. or sub-subparagraph h. is valid for a period not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1 year.

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2. Each such application may include fingerprints and other unique biometric means of identity.

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Verification of the vehicle identification number is not required for any new motor vehicle; any mobile home; any trailer or semitrailer with a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds; or any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifthwheel recreation trailer.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.