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A bill to be entitled
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 that certain documents may include fingerprints and other unique biometric means of identity; 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.—

(3) If a certificate of title has not previously been 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:

a. A driver license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit

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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 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.

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59 (IV) Official documentation confirming the filing of a
60 petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued
61 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

62 (V) A notice of action transferring any pending matter from
63 another jurisdiction to this state issued by the United States
64 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

65 (VI) An order of an immigration judge or immigration
66 officer granting relief that authorizes the alien to live and
67 work in the United States, including, but not limited to,
68 asylum.

69 (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for
70 adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
71 permanent residence in the United States or conditional
72 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number
73 is available having a current priority date for processing by
74 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

75 (VIII) An unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired
76 United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved Form I-
77 94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United
78 States.

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

84 2. Documents submitted with an application pursuant to
85 subparagraph 1. may include fingerprints and other unique
86 biometric means of identity.
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88 Verification of the vehicle identification number is not
89 required for any new motor vehicle; any mobile home; any trailer
90 or semitrailer with a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds; or
91 any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-
92 wheel recreation trailer.

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