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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act;
to amend section 60-142.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
and section 60-144, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to change
provisions relating to a certificate of title for a junked vehicle;
to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 60-142.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-142.01 (1) If the owner does not have a certificate of title for a vehicle which was manufactured prior to 1940 and which has not had any major component part replaced, the department shall search its records for evidence of issuance of a Nebraska certificate of title for such vehicle at the request of the owner. If no certificate of title has been issued for such vehicle in the thirty-year period prior to application, the owner may transfer title to the vehicle by giving the transferee a notarized bill of sale, an affidavit in support of the application for title, a statement that an inspection has been conducted on the vehicle, and a statement from the department that no certificate of title has been issued for such vehicle in the thirty-year period prior to application. The transferee may apply for a certificate of title pursuant to section 60-149 by presenting the documentation described in this section in lieu of a certificate of title.

(2) If the owner has a certificate of title for a vehicle which was previously classified as junked, which was manufactured prior to 1940, and which has not had any major component part replaced, the director, in his or her discretion, may issue a salvage title if it is shown to his or her satisfaction that the vehicle has been inspected and the vehicle has been restored to its original specifications.

Sec. 2. Section 60-144, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is amended to read:

60-144 (1)(a)(i) Except as provided in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection, the county treasurer shall be responsible for issuing and filing certificates of title for vehicles, and each county shall issue and file such certificates of title using the Vehicle Title and Registration System which shall be provided and maintained by the department. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied
by the appropriate fee or fees.

(ii) This subdivision applies beginning on an implementation date designated by the director. The director shall designate an implementation date which is on or before January 1, 2021. In addition to the information required under subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section, the application for a certificate of title shall contain (A)(I) the full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each owner or (II) the name of each owner as such name appears on the owner's motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card and (B)(I) the motor vehicle operator's license number or state identification card number of each owner, if applicable, and one or more of the identification elements as listed in section 60-484 of each owner, if applicable, and (II) if any owner is a business entity, a nonprofit organization, an estate, a trust, or a church-controlled organization, its tax identification number.

(b) The department shall issue and file certificates of title for Nebraska-based fleet vehicles. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.

(c) The department shall issue and file certificates of title for state-owned vehicles. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.

(d) The department shall issue certificates of title pursuant to subsection (2) of section 60-142.01 and section 60-142.06. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.

(e) The department shall issue certificates of title pursuant to section 60-142.09. Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees.
(2) If the owner of an all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a minibike resides in Nebraska, the application shall be filed with the county treasurer of the county in which the owner resides.

(3)(a) If a vehicle has situs in Nebraska, the application for a certificate of title may be filed with the county treasurer of any county.

(b) If a motor vehicle dealer licensed under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act applies for a certificate of title for a vehicle, the application may be filed with the county treasurer of any county.

(c) An approved licensed dealer participating in the electronic dealer services system pursuant to section 60-1507 may apply for a certificate of title for a vehicle to the county treasurer of any county or the department in a manner provided by the electronic dealer services system.

(4) If the owner of a vehicle is a nonresident, the application shall be filed in the county in which the transaction is consummated.

(5) The application shall be filed within thirty days after the delivery of the vehicle.

(6) All applicants registering a vehicle pursuant to section 60-3,198 shall file the application for a certificate of title with the Division of Motor Carrier Services of the department. The division shall deliver the certificate to the applicant if there are no liens on the vehicle. If there are one or more liens on the vehicle, the certificate of title shall be handled as provided in section 60-164. All certificates of title issued by the division shall be issued in the manner prescribed for the county treasurer in section 60-152.

Sec. 3. Original section 60-142.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-144, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, are repealed.