



## **Proposed TLRC Measure-2017: Revise Colorado VIN Inspection Law Requirements for Registration of Motor Vehicles.**

Colorado Motor Carriers are seeking to revise the Colorado statute requirements for motor “Certified VIN Inspections” in certain applications of the registration and title process. CMCA has been advised by several members and researched the current requirements for vehicle owners to obtain a “Certified VIN Inspection” to see if there indeed was an opportunity to streamline the process due to existing conditions. After a discussion with Colorado State Patrol, CMCA confirmed that there were areas where improvements could be made without placing existing registration/titling security measures at risk. What CMCA has also found is that although there a number of permitted agencies or parties who can perform the VIN Inspection, the actual number who perform such tasks has been drastically reduced by decisions by these parties to no longer perform such inspections.

While CMCA understands the liability and resource issues behind such decisions to not perform VIN Inspections, it does not take away the burden by the vehicle owner to obtain such an inspection before they can title and license certain motor vehicles in Colorado. CMCA is therefore requesting TLRC Committee to approve for drafting a concept where several changes can be made the existing statute to improve the efficiency of the statute without harming the security of title/registration process.

### **Revision Concepts:**

1. Motor vehicles that are purchased as new on a Manufactures Statement of Origin or MSO would not be required to obtain a VIN inspection. Owner must be able to show purchase document from a dealer to verify the motor vehicle is new vehicle. Would apply to new vehicle purchases in Colorado and outside Colorado.
2. Motor vehicles that are owned by a company in Colorado would not have to have a VIN inspection performed if the company transfers that vehicle from one county in Colorado to another county in Colorado. Owner must

be able to show current Colorado registration in the county where the vehicle was located to County Clerk or the Department.

**Benefits of the Revision:**

- By making the revisions, the state would be making the titling and registration process more efficient for both the vehicle owner and the state DMV and its agents the County Clerks.
- These changes would not impact the security measures within existing law for motor vehicle theft or use of stolen parts as these vehicles are either brand new or have an existing registration in Colorado.
- Frees up resources for both the vehicles owners, especially those who fleets of vehicles in Colorado and reduces the projected work load of the agencies who perform the registration and titling functions in Colorado.

CMCA urges the TLRC to approve for drafting this concept for revision for VIN Inspections for motor vehicles in Colorado. CMCA will continue to work with DOR and CSP to ensure that the drafted bill is operationally correct and meets stated goal of the bill.

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