SENATE BILL No. 915

April 29, 2014, Introduced by Senators CASPERSON, ROBERTSON, JONES, NOFS, MARLEAU, ANANICH and MEEKHOF and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 257 (MCL 257.257), as amended by 1992 PA 309.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 257. (1) A person who commits any of the following acts
 is guilty of a felony:
 - (a) Alters with fraudulent intent any A certificate of title, registration certificate, or registration plate issued by the department.
 - (b) Forges or counterfeits any such document A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, or REGISTRATION plate purporting to have been issued by the department.
 - (c) Alters or falsifies with fraudulent intent or forges any

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- 1 AN assignment upon a certificate of title.
- 2 (d) Holds or uses such a document CERTIFICATE OF TITLE,
- 3 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, or REGISTRATION plate knowing the same to
- 4 have THAT IT HAS been altered, forged, or falsified.
- 5 (e) Knowingly possesses, sells, or offers for sale a stolen,
- 6 false, or counterfeit certificate of title, registration
- 7 certificate, registration plate, registration decal, or
- 8 registration tab.
- 9 (F) FRAUDULENTLY INDICATES ON A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE THAT
- 10 THERE IS NO SECURITY INTEREST ON RECORD FOR THE VEHICLE.
- 11 (G) FORGES OR COUNTERFEITS A LETTER FROM THE HOLDER OF A
- 12 SECURITY INTEREST IN A VEHICLE STATING THAT THE SECURITY INTEREST
- 13 HAS BEEN RELEASED.
- 14 (2) A person who is convicted of a second violation of this
- 15 section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 2 years
- or more than 7 years, or by a fine of not less than \$1,500.00 or
- 17 more than \$7,000.00, or both.
- 18 (3) A person who is convicted of a third or subsequent
- 19 violation of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not
- 20 less than 5 years or more than 15 years, or by a fine of not less
- 21 than \$5,000.00 or more than \$15,000.00, or both.
- 22 (4) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION
- 23 (1) (F) OR (G), IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY, SHALL PAY
- 24 RESTITUTION TO THE HOLDER OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE IN
- 25 THE AMOUNT OF THE OUTSTANDING LIEN ON THE VEHICLE.