

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:

1 Sec. 257. (1) A person who commits any of the following acts
2 is guilty of a felony:

3 (a) Alters with fraudulent intent ~~any~~ **A** certificate of title,
4 registration certificate, or registration plate issued by the
5 department.

6 (b) Forges or counterfeits ~~any such document~~ **A CERTIFICATE OF**
7 **TITLE, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, or REGISTRATION** plate purporting
8 to have been issued by the department.

9 (c) Alters or falsifies with fraudulent intent or forges ~~any~~

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
16 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.**