

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1825

Introduced by Assembly Member Bowler

February 11, 1998

An act to amend Section 4466 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1825, as introduced, Bowler. Vehicles: license plates: certificates of ownership: duplicates.

Existing law requires the registered owner of a vehicle who applies in person for a copy, duplication, or substitution of a certificate of ownership or license plate for the vehicle to present proof of ownership of the vehicle, acceptable to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and a driver's license or identification card issued by the department containing a picture of the licensee or cardholder. This provision does not apply if an application is delivered by mail or by any other courier or delivery service, if it is submitted by or through a dealer or dismantler, or if the applicant applies in person and is a business entity.

This bill would prohibit the department from issuing a copy, duplication, or substitution of a certificate of ownership or license plate unless the registered owner applies for that document in person and presents the proof of ownership and driver's license or identification card specified above. The bill would require the department to conduct a search of its records to verify the authenticity of the driver's license or identification card. If the application is for the purpose of

replacing a certificate or license plate that was stolen, the bill would require submission of a copy of a police report identifying the document as stolen. If the application is for the purpose of replacing a certificate or license plate that was mutilated or destroyed, the bill would require submission of the remnants of the mutilated or destroyed document. If the department has a record of a prior issuance of a copy, duplication, or substitution of a certificate or license plate for the vehicle, the bill would require submission of a copy of a report from the Department of the California Highway Patrol verifying the vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

The bill would delete the exemption for business entities and for applications submitted by mail, courier, or delivery service.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4466 of the Vehicle Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 4466. (a) ~~If an individual, who is the registered~~
 4 ~~owner, applies in person for~~ *The department shall not*
 5 *issue a copy, duplication, or substitution, as the case may*
 6 ~~be,~~ *of a certificate of ownership or license plate, he or she*
 7 ~~shall present proof unless the registered owner applies for~~
 8 *that document in person and presents all of the following:*
 9 (1) *Proof of ownership of the vehicle, that is*
 10 ~~acceptable to the department, and a department.~~
 11 (2) *A driver's license or identification card containing*
 12 *a picture of the licensee or cardholder issued to the*
 13 *registered owner by the department pursuant to Chapter*
 14 *1 (commencing with Section 12500) of Division 6. The*
 15 *department shall conduct a search of its records to verify*
 16 *the authenticity of any document submitted under this*
 17 *paragraph.*
 18 (3) *If the application is for the purpose of replacing a*
 19 *certificate or license plate that was stolen, a copy of a*
 20 *police report identifying the document as stolen.*



1 (4) *If the application is for the purpose of replacing a*
2 *certificate or license plate that was mutilated or*
3 *destroyed, the remnants of the mutilated or destroyed*
4 *document.*

5 (4) *If the department has a record of a prior issuance*
6 *of a copy, duplication, or substitution of a certificate or*
7 *license plate for the vehicle, a copy of a report from the*
8 *Department of the California Highway Patrol verifying*
9 *the vehicle identification number of the vehicle.*

10 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply if an application is
11 ~~delivered by mail or by any other courier or delivery~~
12 ~~service, if it is~~ submitted by or through a dealer or
13 ~~dismantler, or if the applicant applies in person and is a~~
14 ~~business entity.~~

