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Resolution relating to the introduction and passage of state legislation relating to state motor vehicle title forms and notice to the state about used motor vehicle sales.

- Analysis -

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division - Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation directing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to redesign motor vehicle title forms to provide a copy for the seller of a used vehicle and to require the seller to send a copy to the state Department of Revenue whenever a vehicle is sold.

Whereas, State law requires the buyer of a used motor vehicle to notify the Department of Transportation so that the state title records reflect the true ownership of the vehicle; and

Whereas, Sellers frequently find that purchasers of used vehicles at private sales do not properly register the vehicles' new owners, making the sellers vulnerable to citations and sanctions for violations attributable to vehicles that they no longer own; and

Whereas, Although private sellers of motor vehicles are legally responsible for remitting sales tax to the state Department of Revenue, many sellers do not pay the sales tax that is due when used vehicles are sold at private sales; and

Whereas, Accurate recording of private vehicle sales and collection of unpaid sales tax would be greatly enhanced if each seller retained a copy of the title showing the transfer and if each seller notified the state that a sale had occurred; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Intergovernmental Relations Division - Department of Administration is directed to seek introduction and passage of state legislation directing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to revise the motor vehicle title form to provide a copy for the seller of a used vehicle and to require each seller to furnish a copy to the Department of Revenue for sales tax purposes.

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