

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
House of Representatives

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.3677

Bill Name: An Act relative to the authorization for electronic signatures with motor vehicle title and registration transactions

Sponsor(s): Rep. Danielle Gregoire

Hearing Date: May 13th, 2025 (**Reporting Date:** July 12th, 2025)

Current Law: Inserts into the MGL a new Chapter 90K with §§1-5.

**Summary of
Proposed Law:**

§1 Requires the registry to accept electronic signatures for any document necessary for registering or titling a motor vehicle.

Stipulates that the registry shall not accept a scanned, physical odometer document unless it is accompanied by an electronic signature and further stipulates that the original physical odometer document be provided alongside an electronic copy if the original document is a certificate of title or contains physically completed data.

Allows the registry to, as a requirement for receiving electronic signatures for registration and titling, require alongside such a signature an indication that signature is electronic or certification of authenticity, an audit trail, or similar proof of signature.

Prohibits the registry from, as a requirement for receiving electronic signatures for registration and titling, requiring electronic signature vendors to be pre-approved by registry or requiring a physical copy of a document alongside the electronic record (except when otherwise required.)

Requires systems used to capture electronic signatures to verify the identity of the user accessing the system, to be securely maintained, to

retain data on the user and the signature for up to five years, and to make such data available to the registry, regulatory agencies, or law enforcement upon request.

Clarifies that electronic signatures may not be used for any other purpose than to indicate a signature on a specific document and further clarifies that such a signature cannot be transferred or copied unless authorized by the signer.

§2 Clarifies that the provisions of this legislation would not be retroactively enforceable.

§3 States that this legislation would take effect upon its passage.