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Bill 2

## FISCAL NOTE

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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**Prime Sponsor(s):**

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Committee Bill Request

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**BILL TOPIC:** VEHICLE TITLING & REGISTRATION INSPECTION REQ

### Summary of Legislation

This bill, *requested by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee*, makes exceptions for physical vehicle inspections as a condition for vehicle registration or certificate of title issuance if the applicant for a new vehicle registration:

- presents a copy of the manufacturer's certificate of origin;
- presents a purchase receipt from the dealer or out-of-state seller that indicates the applicant purchased the vehicle as new; or
- at the time of application, has the vehicle currently registered in another Colorado county.

### Background

**Regular VIN verifications.** Vehicles that have never been registered in the state must obtain a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) verification. These verifications can be obtained at emissions inspection stations, as well as some motor vehicle dealerships and clerk and recorder offices. The fee for VIN verification is set in statute at \$20 and is retained by the entity that collects the fee. This type of VIN verification is not currently required for vehicles purchased in Colorado or for vehicles that are currently registered in another county of the state.

**Certified VIN inspections.** Certified peace officers at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) perform certified vehicle identification number (VIN) inspections, for a \$20 fee, on vehicles that are:

- required to follow a bonding for title procedure to establish ownership;
- homemade, rebuilt or reconstructed, built from kits, or rebuilt from salvage;
- obtaining a state-assigned VIN due to VIN removal, alteration, or obliteration;
- certain trailers; and
- public or private tow bills.

This type of VIN inspection is unaffected by the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

Beginning in FY 2016-17, the bill will reduce clerk and recorder office revenue and expenditures from VIN-related inspections. Clerk and recorders perform a small amount of overall VIN inspections, and the fee covers administrative costs.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature. It applies to applications for registering or titling a vehicle filed after July 1, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Clerk and Records

Counties

Public Safety

Revenue