

1 AN ACT relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 186A.120 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Application for a first certificate of registration or title and plate, shall be made by
 5 *either* the owner *of a motor vehicle, or a motor vehicle dealer on behalf of a*
 6 *person who purchased a motor vehicle,* to the county clerk of the county in which
 7 *the owner resides*~~he resides, except that, if a vehicle is purchased from a dealer~~
 8 ~~other than in the county in which the purchaser for use resides, the purchaser, or the~~
 9 ~~dealer on behalf of the purchaser, may make application for registration to the~~
 10 ~~county clerk in either the county in which the purchaser resides, or in the county in~~
 11 ~~which the dealer's principal place of business is located].~~

12 (2) ~~[(a)]~~When *the* purchaser of a vehicle upon which a lien is to be recorded is a
 13 resident of a county other than that of the dealer, the application for
 14 registration or title *shall*~~[may]~~ be made to the county clerk in *the*~~[either]~~
 15 county *of the purchaser's residence.* The lien *shall*~~[must]~~ be recorded in the
 16 county of the purchaser's residence.

17 ~~[(b) If vehicle application for registration or title is presented to the county clerk of~~
 18 ~~dealer's location rather than purchaser's residence, the clerk shall process~~
 19 ~~documents in a manner similar to that of any application, with the exception~~
 20 ~~that the AVIS system shall be programmed in a manner that the title shall not~~
 21 ~~be issued from Frankfort until the lien information has been entered by the~~
 22 ~~county clerk of the purchaser's residence.]~~

23 (3) (a) A new vehicle, when first registered or titled in this state, shall be registered
 24 or titled in the name of the first owner for use rather than in the name of a
 25 dealer who held the vehicle for sale.

26 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a used vehicle not previously
 27 registered or titled in this state shall be registered or titled in the name of the

1 first owner for use rather than in the name of a dealer who held the vehicle for
2 resale.

3 (4) If the owner of a vehicle required to be registered or titled in this state does not
4 reside in the Commonwealth, the vehicle shall be registered or titled with the county
5 clerk of the county in which the vehicle is principally operated.

6 (5) If the owner of a vehicle is other than an individual and resides in the
7 Commonwealth, the vehicle shall be registered or titled with the county clerk in
8 either the county in which the owner resides or in the county in which the vehicle is
9 principally operated.