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Senate protects personal privacy on vehicle registration *SB 930 allows vehicle owners to redact certain information on registration*

SALEM – A bill that passed the Oregon Senate today will give Oregonians a means to protect their personal privacy when it comes to vehicle registration and insurance documents that they commonly keep in their vehicles.

Senate Bill 930 – which passed the Oregon Senate by a unanimous vote – allows the registered owner of a vehicle to black out or obscure the residence address, business address or mailing address shown on the registration card and proof of insurance.

“In some communities there has been an uptick in burglaries in which thieves enter through the garage door, using the residents’ own stolen garage door remote control, which is obtained inside the vehicle,” said Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene), who carried the bill. “In some cases, police said, thieves have broken into cars, stealing garage door openers and getting the owner’s address from the vehicle registration. The thieves then sometimes go to the address on the registration and break in. Some residents have reported tools, bicycles and other items stolen. Others are reporting that burglars have used tools taken from the garage to enter residences and steal electronics, jewelry and other items. This will help to prevent these crimes, when a vehicle is broken into at a location away from home.”

The bill is designed to protect the security of Oregonians. Most often, people leave these documents in their vehicles, where they are required to be able to produce them for law enforcement when requested. If someone breaks into a car and locates these documents, they gain access to the vehicle owner’s personal information.

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles issues vehicle registrations. Those documents are required to include the name of the registered owner; make, model and year of the vehicle; the vehicle identification number; the mileage of the vehicle at the time of initial Oregon title or most recent transfer; and any additional information required by DMV. That “other information” includes the address of the registered owner.

SB 930 allows the address to be obscured from the registration and insurance documentation for security purposes, and DMV will maintain the information in its records.

Senate Bill 930 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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