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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle title certificates;
3 amending s. 319.23, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to maintain certain
5 records for 10 years; providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 319.23, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that
11 section, to read:

12 319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of
13 title.--

14 (5) The certificate of title issued by the department for
15 a motor vehicle or mobile home previously registered outside
16 this state shall give the name of the state or country in which
17 the vehicle was last registered outside this state. ~~The~~
18 ~~department shall retain the evidence of title presented by the~~
19 ~~applicant upon which the certificate of title is issued.~~ The
20 department shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining
21 whether or not the facts in the application are true; and, if
22 satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the motor vehicle
23 or mobile home and that the application is in the proper form,
24 it shall issue a certificate of title.

25 (11) All titles, manufacturers' statements of origin,
26 applications, and supporting documents submitted with the
27 application, including, but not limited to, odometer statements,
28 vehicle identification number verifications, bills of sale,
29 indicias of ownership, dealer reassignments, photographs, and
30 any personal identification, affidavits, or documents required



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31 by or submitted to the department, shall be retained by the
32 department for not less than 10 years.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.