§702. Perfecting security interest

1. Valid against creditors, transferees and lienholders. A security interest in a vehicle for which a certificate of title is issued is not valid against creditors of the owner or subsequent transferees or lienholders unless perfected as provided in this subchapter.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

2. Method. A security interest is perfected by the delivery to the Secretary of State of:

A. The certificate of origin or existing certificate of title or certificate of salvage; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. An application for a certificate of title containing the name and address of the lienholder and the date of the security agreement; and [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. The required fee. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).] [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

2-A. Lienholder registration. A lienholder who participates in the electronic lien titling program is required to register with the Secretary of State for a lienholder identification number in accordance with rules adopted by the Secretary of State.

[PL 2023, c. 257, §11 (AMD).]

3. Date. A security interest is perfected as of the date of delivery under subsection 2. [PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §26 (RPR); PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §28 (AFF).]

4. Vehicle brought into State. If a vehicle is subject to a security interest when brought into this State, the perfection, effect of perfection and priority of the security interest is determined in accordance with Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 3.

[PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §26 (RPR); PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §28 (AFF).]

5. Vehicles located outside State and registered in State. If a vehicle is located outside this State and is not the subject of a valid certificate of title issued by another jurisdiction, upon registration of the vehicle in this State, the provisions of this chapter on perfection of a security interest apply. Notwithstanding Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 3, perfection under this subchapter remains valid until the certificate issued by this State is surrendered for retitling in another jurisdiction.

A. [PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §27 (RP); PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §28 (AFF).]

B. [PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §27 (RP); PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §28 (AFF).] [PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §27 (RPR); PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. B, §28 (AFF).]

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