

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

CHAPTER 173

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1529 and 46.2-1535 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicle dealers; dealer records and advertisements.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-1529 and 46.2-1535 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1529. Dealer records.

All dealer records regarding employees; lists of vehicles in inventory for sale, resale, or on consignment; vehicle purchases, sales, trades, and transfers of ownership; collections of taxes; titling; ~~uninsured motor vehicle~~; and registration fees; odometer disclosure statements; records of permanent dealer registration plates assigned to the dealer and temporary transport plates and temporary certificates of registration; proof of safety inspections performed on vehicles sold at retail; and other records required by the Department or the Board shall be maintained on the premises of the licensed location. The Board may, on written request by a dealer, permit his records to be maintained at a location other than the premises of the licensed location for good cause shown. All dealer records shall be preserved in original form or ~~in film, magnetic, or optical media, including microfilm, microfiche, or other electronic media~~ *electronically*, for a period of five years in a manner that permits systematic retrieval. ~~Certain records may be maintained on a computerized record-keeping system with the prior approval of the Board.~~

§ 46.2-1535. Advertisements.

Unless the dealer is clearly identified by name, whenever any licensee places an advertisement ~~in any newspaper or publication~~, the abbreviations "VA DLR," denoting a Virginia licensed dealer, shall appear therein.