

Jan 2026 Exec letter

Illinois Secretary of State Stalls Clean Title Program

In the last issue of the Beacon the PTROI gave the membership instructions on how to obtain titles via the SOS Certificate of Purchase program. Shortly after the Beacon went out we were advised that this program has been stopped. During an audit The Illinois Secretary of State's Office(SOS) found conflicts within the Illinois vehicle code that prevents the towing industry from obtaining clean titles via the Certificate of Purchase program. Although the program has been working effectively, the SOS states they cannot issue further titles via this method unless the law is changed

At the PTROI we have been working with the SOS to try to restore the program. At this point, the SOS is not completely against what we are trying to do. At this point we have our attorney involved. As this involves legislation, this will be a slow process and not an overnight fix.

The PTROI office and our attorney have been working to amend at least four sections of the Illinois Vehicle code to remedy the situation. At this point it seems like the SOS may be agreeable to this, but it must still pass the legislature. We must state that there are no guarantees that it will even get done. We will keep you posted on this important matter.

Mark the Date!!

**The Ptroi TopGolf Outing Will be held Sunday,
September 20, 2026 at 4:00PM.**