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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicles that have been rebuilt from salvage;
2 and amending RCW 46.12.005, 46.12.050, and 46.12.075.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.005 and 1967 c 140 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((As used in this amendatory act,))~~ The definitions set forth in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) The words "delivery,"~~(())~~ "notice,"~~(())~~ "send," and "security
9 interest" ~~((shall))~~ have the same meaning as these terms are defined in
10 RCW 62A.1-201 ~~((as now and hereafter amended))~~; the word~~(())~~ "secured
11 party" ~~((shall have))~~ has the same meaning as this term is defined in
12 RCW 62A.9-105 ~~((as now and hereafter amended))~~.

13 (2) "Salvage vehicle" means a vehicle whose certificate of
14 ownership has been surrendered to the department under RCW 46.12.070
15 due to the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a total loss or for
16 which there is documentation indicating that the vehicle has been
17 declared salvage or has been damaged to the extent that the owner, an
18 insurer, or other person acting on behalf of the owner, has determined
19 that the cost of parts and labor plus the salvage value has made it

1 uneconomical to repair the vehicle. The term does not include a motor
2 vehicle having a model year designation of a calendar year that is at
3 least six years before the calendar year in which the vehicle was
4 wrecked, destroyed, or damaged.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.050 and 1993 c 307 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department, if satisfied from the statements upon the
8 application that the applicant is the legal owner of the vehicle or
9 otherwise entitled to have a certificate of ownership thereof in the
10 applicant's name, shall issue an appropriate electronic record of
11 ownership or a written certificate of ownership, over the director's
12 signature, authenticated by seal, and if required, a new written
13 certificate of license registration if certificate of license
14 registration is required.

15 The certificates of ownership and the certificates of license
16 registration shall contain upon the face thereof, the date of
17 application, the registration number assigned to the registered owner
18 and to the vehicle, the name and address of the registered owner and
19 legal owner, the vehicle identification number, and such other
20 description of the vehicle and facts as the department shall require,
21 and in addition thereto, if the vehicle described in such certificates
22 shall have ever been licensed and operated as an exempt vehicle or a
23 taxicab, or if it (~~is less than four years old and~~) has been rebuilt
24 after (~~having been totaled out by an insurance carrier~~) becoming a
25 salvage vehicle, such fact shall be clearly shown thereon.

26 All certificates of ownership of motor vehicles issued after April
27 30, 1990, shall reflect the odometer reading as provided by the
28 odometer disclosure statement submitted with the title application
29 involving a transfer of ownership.

30 A blank space shall be provided on the face of the certificate of
31 license registration for the signature of the registered owner.

32 Upon issuance of the certificate of license registration and
33 certificate of ownership and upon any reissue thereof, the department
34 shall deliver the certificate of license registration to the registered
35 owner and the certificate of ownership to the legal owner, or both to
36 the person who is both the registered owner and legal owner.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.12.075 and 1995 c 256 s 24 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Effective January 1, 1997, the department shall issue a unique
4 certificate of ownership and certificate of license registration, as
5 required by chapter 46.16 RCW, for vehicles (~~less than four years~~
6 ~~old~~) that are rebuilt after (~~surrender of the certificate of~~
7 ~~ownership to the department under RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's~~
8 ~~destruction or declaration as a total loss~~) becoming a salvage
9 vehicle. Each certificate shall conspicuously display across its
10 front, a word indicating that the vehicle was rebuilt.

11 (2) Beginning January 1, 1997, upon inspection of a salvage vehicle
12 that has been rebuilt under RCW 46.12.030, the state patrol shall
13 securely affix or inscribe a marking at the driver's door latch pillar
14 indicating that the vehicle has previously been destroyed or declared
15 a total loss.

16 (3) It is a class C felony for a person to remove the marking
17 prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.

18 (4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
19 section.

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