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1 AN ACT Relating to identifying rebuilt vehicles; amending RCW
2 46.12.005 and 46.12.075; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In 1996, the legislature acknowledged the
5 danger of the public not knowing that vehicles they own may have been
6 rebuilt from salvage. The 1996 legislature responded by mandating that
7 vehicles rebuilt from salvage be branded with words indicating that the
8 vehicle had been totaled. While the branding program has been
9 effective, the law only impacts vehicles that have been declared
10 totaled inside Washington state. It is the intent of this act to
11 extend the law to vehicles that have been declared totaled outside of
12 the state.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.005 and 1996 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this
16 chapter.

17 (1) The words "delivery," "notice," "send," and "security interest"
18 have the same meaning as these terms are defined in RCW 62A.1-201; the

1 word "secured party" has the same meaning as this term is defined in
2 RCW 62A.9-105.

3 (2) A vehicle is a "salvage vehicle" ((means)) when:

4 (a) A vehicle's ((whose)) certificate of ownership has been
5 surrendered to the department under RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's
6 destruction or declaration as a total loss; or ((for which))

7 (b) There is documentation indicating that the vehicle has been
8 declared salvage or has been damaged to the extent that the owner, an
9 insurer, or other person acting on behalf of the owner, has determined
10 that the cost of parts and labor plus the salvage value has made it
11 uneconomical to repair the vehicle; or

12 (c) A vehicle has been previously declared a total loss as reported
13 to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, or an equivalent organization.

14 The term does not include a motor vehicle having a model year
15 designation of a calendar year that is at least six years before the
16 calendar year in which the vehicle was wrecked, destroyed, or damaged.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.12.075 and 1996 c 26 s 3 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) Effective January 1, 1997, the department shall issue a unique
20 certificate of ownership and certificate of license registration, as
21 required by chapter 46.16 RCW, for vehicles that are rebuilt after
22 becoming a salvage vehicle, as defined in RCW 46.12.005. Each
23 certificate shall conspicuously display across its front, a word
24 indicating that the vehicle was rebuilt.

25 (2) ~~((Beginning January 1, 1997,))~~ Upon inspection of a ((salvage))
26 vehicle ((that has been rebuilt)), as required under RCW 46.12.030, if
27 the state patrol determines that a vehicle has been declared salvage as
28 defined in RCW 46.12.005, the state patrol shall securely affix or
29 inscribe a marking at the driver's door latch pillar indicating that
30 the vehicle has previously been destroyed or declared a total loss.

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

33 (4) ~~((The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this~~
34 ~~section.))~~ No later than July 1, 2002, the department and the state
35 patrol shall each deliver a report to the legislature. The report
36 shall contain:

37 (a) The number of vehicles inspected which were declared to be
38 salvage under RCW 46.12.005 between January 1, 2001, and December 31,

1 2001, and whether the designation is the result of RCW 46.12.005(2) (a)
2 through (c); and
3 (b) The amount of vehicles that were defined as salvage under RCW
4 46.12.005 between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2001, but did not
5 have their title or vehicle branded as required under this section, and
6 the reasons why.

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