



1 vehicle having a model year designation of a calendar year that is at  
2 least six years before the calendar year in which the vehicle was  
3 wrecked, destroyed, or damaged, unless, after the effective date of  
4 this act and immediately before the vehicle was wrecked, destroyed, or  
5 damaged, the vehicle had a retail fair market value of at least the  
6 then market value threshold amount and has a model year designation of  
7 a calendar year not more than twenty years before the calendar year in  
8 which the vehicle was wrecked, destroyed, or damaged. "Market value  
9 threshold amount" means six thousand five hundred dollars or such  
10 greater amount as is then in effect by rule of the department in  
11 accordance with this section. If, for any year beginning with 2002,  
12 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, compiled by the  
13 Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, or its  
14 successor, for the West Region, in the expenditure category "used cars  
15 and trucks," shows an increase in the annual average for that year  
16 compared to that of the year immediately prior, the department shall,  
17 by rule, increase the then market value threshold amount by the same  
18 percentage as the percentage increase of the annual average, with the  
19 increase of the market value threshold amount to be effective on July  
20 1st of the year immediately after the year with the increase of the  
21 annual average. However, the market value threshold amount may not be  
22 increased if the amount of the increase would be less than fifty  
23 dollars, and each increase of the market value threshold amount will be  
24 rounded to the nearest ten dollars. If an increase in the market value  
25 threshold amount is not made because the increase would be less than  
26 fifty dollars, the unmade increase will be carried forward and added to  
27 later year calculations of increase until the unmade increase is  
28 included in an increase made to the market value threshold amount.

29       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.070 and 1990 c 250 s 28 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31       Upon the destruction of any vehicle issued a certificate of  
32 ownership under this chapter or a license registration under chapter  
33 46.16 RCW, the registered owner and the legal owner shall forthwith and  
34 within fifteen days thereafter forward and surrender the certificate to  
35 the department, together with a statement of the reason for the  
36 surrender and the date and place of destruction. Failure to notify the  
37 department or the possession by any person of any such certificate for  
38 a vehicle so destroyed, after fifteen days following its destruction,

1 is prima facie evidence of violation of the provisions of this chapter  
2 and constitutes a gross misdemeanor.

3 Any insurance company settling an insurance claim on a vehicle that  
4 has been issued a certificate of ownership under this chapter or a  
5 certificate of license registration under chapter 46.16 RCW as a total  
6 loss, less salvage value, shall notify the department thereof within  
7 fifteen days after the settlement of the claim. Notification shall be  
8 provided regardless of where or in what jurisdiction the total loss  
9 occurred.

10 For a motor vehicle having a model year designation at least six  
11 years before the calendar year of destruction, the notification to the  
12 department must include a statement of whether the retail fair market  
13 value of the motor vehicle immediately before the destruction was at  
14 least the then market value threshold amount as defined in RCW  
15 46.12.005.

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