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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2908**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Mielke, O'Brien, Ahern, Pearson and Boldt)

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1            AN ACT Relating to salvage vehicles; and amending RCW 46.12.030.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.030 and 2001 c 125 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            (1) The application for a certificate of ownership shall be upon a  
6 form furnished or approved by the department and shall contain:

7            ~~((1))~~ (a) A full description of the vehicle, which shall contain  
8 the proper vehicle identification number, the number of miles indicated  
9 on the odometer at the time of delivery of the vehicle, and any  
10 distinguishing marks of identification;

11           ~~((2))~~ (b) The name and address of the person who is to be the  
12 registered owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a  
13 security interest, the name and address of the secured party;

14           ~~((3))~~ (c) Such other information as the department may require.

15           (2) The department may in any instance, in addition to the  
16 information required on the application, require additional information  
17 and a physical examination of the vehicle or of any class of vehicles,  
18 or either.

1       (3) A physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if it has  
2 been rebuilt after surrender of the certificate of ownership to the  
3 department under RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's destruction or  
4 declaration as a total loss. The inspection must verify that the  
5 vehicle identification number is genuine and agrees with the number  
6 shown on the title and registration certificate. The inspection must  
7 be made by a member of the Washington state patrol or other person  
8 authorized by the department to make such inspections.

9       (b)(i) A physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if the  
10 vehicle was declared totaled or salvage under the laws of this state,  
11 or the vehicle is presented with documents from another state showing  
12 the vehicle was totaled or salvage and has not been reissued a valid  
13 registration from that state after the declaration of total loss or  
14 salvage.

15       (ii) The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification  
16 number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the original  
17 documents supporting the vehicle purchase or ownership.

18       (iii) A Washington state patrol VIN specialist must ensure that all  
19 major component parts used for the reconstruction of a salvage or  
20 rebuildable vehicle were obtained legally. Original invoices must be  
21 from a vendor that is registered with the department of revenue for the  
22 collection of retail sales or use taxes or comparable agency in the  
23 jurisdiction where the major component parts were purchased. The  
24 invoices must include the name and address of the business, a  
25 description of the part or parts sold, the date of sale, and the amount  
26 of sale to include all taxes paid unless exempted by the department of  
27 revenue or comparable agency in the jurisdiction where the major  
28 component parts were purchased. If the parts or components were  
29 purchased from a private individual, that bill of sale must be  
30 notarized. The bills of sale must include the names and addresses of  
31 the sellers and purchasers, a description of the vehicle, the part or  
32 parts being sold, including the make, model, year, and identification  
33 or serial number, that date of sale, and the purchase price of the  
34 vehicle or part or parts. If the presenter is unable to provide an  
35 acceptable release of interest or proof of ownership for a vehicle or  
36 major component part as described above, an inspection must be  
37 completed for ownership-in-doubt purposes as prescribed by WAC 308-56A-  
38 210.

1       (iv) A vehicle presented for inspection must have all damaged major  
2 component parts replaced or repaired to meet RCW and WAC requirements  
3 before inspection of the salvage vehicle by the Washington state  
4 patrol.

5       (4) Rebuilt or salvage vehicles licensed in Washington must meet  
6 the requirements found under chapter 46.37 RCW to be driven upon public  
7 roadways.

8       (5) The application shall be subscribed by the person applying to  
9 be the registered owner and be sworn to by that applicant in the manner  
10 described by RCW 9A.72.085. The department shall retain the  
11 application in either the original, computer, or photostatic form.

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