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By Senators Jacobsen, Oke and Weinstein; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to application for vehicle certificates of title;
2 and amending RCW 46.12.030 and 46.12.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.030 and 2005 c 173 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

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

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

15 (c) Such other information as the department may require.

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

1 (3)(a)(i) A physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if it
2 has 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 (ii) A vehicle that has been rebuilt after surrender of the
10 certificate of ownership to the department under RCW 46.12.070 due to
11 the vehicle's destruction as a total loss is not required to be
12 presented for a physical inspection when the registered owner of the
13 vehicle at the time of the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a
14 total loss retains possession of the vehicle and applies for title
15 reissuance.

16 (b)(i) A physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if the
17 vehicle was declared totaled or salvage under the laws of this state,
18 or the vehicle is presented with documents from another state showing
19 the vehicle was totaled or salvage and has not been reissued a valid
20 registration from that state after the declaration of total loss or
21 salvage.

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

25 (iii) A Washington state patrol VIN specialist must ensure that all
26 major component parts used for the reconstruction of a salvage or
27 rebuildable vehicle were obtained legally. Original invoices for new
28 and used parts must be from a vendor that is registered with the
29 department of revenue for the collection of retail sales or use taxes
30 or comparable agency in the jurisdiction where the major component
31 parts were purchased. The invoices must include the name and address
32 of the business, a description of the part or parts sold, the date of
33 sale, and the amount of sale to include all taxes paid unless exempted
34 by the department of revenue or comparable agency in the jurisdiction
35 where the major component parts were purchased. Original invoices for
36 used parts must be from a vehicle wrecker licensed under chapter 46.80
37 RCW or a comparable business in the jurisdiction outside Washington
38 state where the major component part was purchased. If the parts or

1 components were purchased from a private individual, the private
2 individual must have title to the vehicle the parts were taken from,
3 except as provided by RCW 46.04.3815, and the bill of sale for the
4 parts must be notarized. The bills of sale must include the names and
5 addresses of the sellers and purchasers, a description of the vehicle,
6 the part or parts being sold, including the make, model, year, and
7 identification or serial number, that date of sale, and the purchase
8 price of the vehicle or part or parts. If the presenter is unable to
9 provide an acceptable release of interest or proof of ownership for a
10 vehicle or major component part as described above, an inspection must
11 be completed for ownership-in-doubt purposes as prescribed by WAC 308-
12 56A-210.

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

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

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

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.040 and 2004 c 200 s 1 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The application for an original certificate of ownership
27 accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash for
28 five dollars, together with the last preceding certificates or other
29 satisfactory evidence of ownership, shall be forwarded to the director.

30 (2) The fee shall be in addition to any other fee for the license
31 registration of the vehicle. The certificate of ownership shall not be
32 required to be renewed annually, or at any other time, except as by law
33 provided.

34 (3) In addition to the application fee and any other fee for the
35 license registration of a vehicle, the department shall collect from
36 the applicant a fee of fifteen dollars for vehicles previously
37 registered in any other state or country. The proceeds from the fee

1 shall be deposited in accordance with RCW 46.68.020. For vehicles
2 (~~requiring a physical examination, the inspection~~) declared a total
3 loss or otherwise requiring an inspection, a fifty-dollar fee shall be
4 (~~fifty dollars~~) collected upon application for title reissuance and
5 shall be deposited in accordance with RCW 46.68.020.

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