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**SENATE BILL 5778**

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**By** Senators Braun, Honeyford, Lovick, Padden, Short, and J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to addressing the current backlog of vehicle  
2 inspections; and amending RCW 46.12.560.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.560 and 2011 c 114 s 7 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Before accepting an application for a certificate of  
7 title, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
8 appointed by the director shall require an applicant to provide a  
9 certificate of vehicle inspection completed by the Washington state  
10 patrol or other authorized inspector if the vehicle:

11 (i) Was declared a total loss or salvage vehicle under the laws  
12 of this state;

13 (ii) Has been rebuilt after the certificate of title was returned  
14 to the department under RCW 46.12.600 and the vehicle was not kept by  
15 the registered owner at the time of the vehicle's destruction or  
16 declaration as a total loss; or

17 (iii) Is presented with documents from another state showing that  
18 the vehicle was a total loss or salvage vehicle and has not been  
19 reissued a valid registration certificate from that state after the  
20 declaration of total loss or salvage.

1 (b) A vehicle presented for inspection must have all damaged  
2 major component parts replaced or repaired to meet all requirements  
3 in law and rule before the Washington state patrol will inspect the  
4 vehicle. The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification  
5 number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the certificate  
6 of title and registration certificate.

7 (c) A Washington state patrol vehicle identification number  
8 specialist or other authorized inspector must ensure that all major  
9 component parts used for the reconstruction of a salvage or rebuilt  
10 vehicle were obtained legally, and must securely attach a marking at  
11 the driver's door latch pillar indicating the vehicle was previously  
12 destroyed or declared a total loss. It is a class C felony for a  
13 person to remove the marking indicating that the vehicle was  
14 previously destroyed or declared a total loss.

15 (2) A person presenting a vehicle for inspection under subsection  
16 (1) of this section must provide original invoices for new and used  
17 parts from:

18 (a) A vendor that is registered with the department of revenue or  
19 a comparable agency in the jurisdiction where the major component  
20 parts were purchased for the collection of retail sales or use taxes.  
21 The invoices must include:

22 (i) The name and address of the business;

23 (ii) A description of the part or parts sold;

24 (iii) The date of sale; and

25 (iv) The amount of sale to include all taxes paid unless exempted  
26 by the department of revenue or a comparable agency in the  
27 jurisdiction where the major component parts were purchased;

28 (b) A vehicle wrecker licensed under chapter 46.80 RCW or a  
29 comparable business in the jurisdiction outside Washington state  
30 where the major component part was purchased; and

31 (c) Private individuals. The private individual must have the  
32 certificate of title to the vehicle where the parts were taken from  
33 unless the parts were obtained from a parts car owned by a collector.  
34 Bills of sale for parts must be notarized and include:

35 (i) The names and addresses of the sellers and purchasers;

36 (ii) A description of the vehicle and the part or parts being  
37 sold, including the make, model, year, and identification or serial  
38 number;

39 (iii) The date of sale; and

40 (iv) The purchase price of the vehicle part or parts.

1 (3) A person presenting a vehicle for inspection under this  
2 section who is unable to provide an acceptable release of interest or  
3 proof of ownership for a vehicle or major component part as described  
4 in this section shall apply for an ownership in doubt application  
5 described in RCW 46.12.680.

6 (4)(a) Before accepting an application for a certificate of  
7 title, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
8 appointed by the director shall require an applicant to provide a  
9 certificate of vehicle inspection completed by the Washington state  
10 patrol or other authorized inspector when the application is for a  
11 vehicle being titled for the first time as:

- 12 (i) Assembled;
- 13 (ii) Glider kit;
- 14 (iii) Homemade;
- 15 (iv) Kit vehicle;
- 16 (v) Street rod vehicle;
- 17 (vi) Custom vehicle; or
- 18 (vii) Subject to ownership in doubt under RCW 46.12.680.

19 (b) The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification  
20 number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the certificate  
21 of title and registration certificate.

22 (5)(a) Before accepting an application for a certificate of  
23 title, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
24 appointed by the director shall require an applicant to provide a  
25 certificate of vehicle inspection completed by the Washington state  
26 patrol when the application is for a vehicle with a vehicle  
27 identification number that has been:

- 28 (i) Altered;
- 29 (ii) Defaced;
- 30 (iii) Obliterated;
- 31 (iv) Omitted;
- 32 (v) Removed; or
- 33 (vi) Otherwise absent.

34 (b) The application must include payment of the fee required in  
35 RCW 46.17.135.

36 (c) The Washington state patrol shall assign a new vehicle  
37 identification number to the vehicle and place or stamp the new  
38 number in a conspicuous position on the vehicle.

1 (d) The department shall use the new vehicle identification  
2 number assigned by the Washington state patrol as the official  
3 vehicle identification number assigned to the vehicle.

4 (6) For purposes of this section and RCW 46.12.695, "other  
5 authorized inspector" means an entity certified to perform vehicle  
6 inspections pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

7 (7)(a) By January 1, 2023, the Washington state patrol must  
8 establish a process to allow local law enforcement agencies and  
9 qualified private parties, on a voluntary basis, to become certified  
10 and to perform vehicle identification inspections under this section  
11 and RCW 46.12.695.

12 (b) The requirements established by the Washington state patrol  
13 must ensure that any local law enforcement agency or qualified  
14 private party that is certified is able to perform the inspections at  
15 a comparable level to that of the inspections performed by the  
16 Washington state patrol and have adequate protections in place to  
17 safeguard personal and private information.

18 (c) Following successful certification, the Washington state  
19 patrol must establish contractual agreements with local law  
20 enforcement agencies and qualified private parties to perform vehicle  
21 inspections, which must include recoupment of the full cost incurred  
22 by the local law enforcement agency or qualified private party in  
23 performing the inspections.

24 (d) By October 1, 2022, the Washington state patrol must provide  
25 a report to the joint transportation committee and the joint  
26 legislative audit and review committee detailing the implementation  
27 plan for the voluntary vehicle inspection program pursuant to this  
28 subsection. The report must include information on the number of  
29 local law enforcement agencies and qualified private parties that are  
30 anticipated to participate, and the expected impact on the backlog of  
31 vehicle inspections over time.

32 (8) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this  
33 section.

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