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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicles that have been rebuilt from salvage;  
2 and amending RCW 46.12.005, 46.12.050, and 46.12.075.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.005 and 1967 c 140 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 ~~((As used in this amendatory act,))~~ The definitions set forth in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) The words "delivery,"~~(( ))~~ "notice,"~~(( ))~~ "send," and "security  
9 interest" ~~((shall))~~ have the same meaning as these terms are defined in  
10 RCW 62A.1-201 ~~((as now and hereafter amended))~~; the word~~(( ))~~ "secured  
11 party" ~~((shall have))~~ has the same meaning as this term is defined in  
12 RCW 62A.9-105 ~~((as now and hereafter amended))~~.

13 (2) "Salvage vehicle" means a vehicle whose certificate of  
14 ownership has been surrendered to the department under RCW 46.12.070  
15 due to the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a total loss or for  
16 which there is documentation indicating that the vehicle has been  
17 declared salvage or has been damaged to the extent that the owner, an  
18 insurer, or other person acting on behalf of the owner, has determined

1 that the cost of parts and labor minus the salvage value has made it  
2 uneconomical to repair the vehicle.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.050 and 1993 c 307 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The department, if satisfied from the statements upon the  
6 application that the applicant is the legal owner of the vehicle or  
7 otherwise entitled to have a certificate of ownership thereof in the  
8 applicant's name, shall issue an appropriate electronic record of  
9 ownership or a written certificate of ownership, over the director's  
10 signature, authenticated by seal, and if required, a new written  
11 certificate of license registration if certificate of license  
12 registration is required.

13 The certificates of ownership and the certificates of license  
14 registration shall contain upon the face thereof, the date of  
15 application, the registration number assigned to the registered owner  
16 and to the vehicle, the name and address of the registered owner and  
17 legal owner, the vehicle identification number, and such other  
18 description of the vehicle and facts as the department shall require,  
19 and in addition thereto, if the vehicle described in such certificates  
20 shall have ever been licensed and operated as an exempt vehicle or a  
21 taxicab, or if it (~~is less than four years old and~~) has been rebuilt  
22 after (~~having been totaled out by an insurance carrier~~) becoming a  
23 salvage vehicle, such fact shall be clearly shown thereon.

24 All certificates of ownership of motor vehicles issued after April  
25 30, 1990, shall reflect the odometer reading as provided by the  
26 odometer disclosure statement submitted with the title application  
27 involving a transfer of ownership.

28 A blank space shall be provided on the face of the certificate of  
29 license registration for the signature of the registered owner.

30 Upon issuance of the certificate of license registration and  
31 certificate of ownership and upon any reissue thereof, the department  
32 shall deliver the certificate of license registration to the registered  
33 owner and the certificate of ownership to the legal owner, or both to  
34 the person who is both the registered owner and legal owner.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.12.075 and 1995 c 256 s 24 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

1           (1) Effective January 1, 1997, the department shall issue a unique  
2 certificate of ownership and certificate of license registration, as  
3 required by chapter 46.16 RCW, for vehicles (~~less than four years~~  
4 ~~old~~) that are rebuilt after (~~surrender of the certificate of~~  
5 ~~ownership to the department under RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's~~  
6 ~~destruction or declaration as a total loss~~) becoming a salvage  
7 vehicle. Each certificate shall conspicuously display across its  
8 front, a word indicating that the vehicle was rebuilt.

9           (2) Beginning January 1, 1997, upon inspection of a vehicle that  
10 has been rebuilt under RCW 46.12.030, the state patrol shall securely  
11 affix or inscribe a marking at the driver's door latch pillar  
12 indicating that the vehicle has previously been destroyed or declared  
13 a total loss.

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

16           (4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this  
17 section.

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