

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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SALVAGE VEHICLES

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6530** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary

Approved March 29, 2002

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

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State of Washington**

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By Senators Rasmussen, Haugen, Long, Hale and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to salvage vehicles; and amending RCW 46.12.005 and
2 46.12.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.005 and 1996 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this
7 chapter.

8 (1) The words "delivery," "notice," "send," and "security interest"
9 have the same meaning as these terms are defined in RCW 62A.1-201; the
10 word "secured party" has the same meaning as this term is defined in
11 RCW ((~~62A.9-105~~)) 62A.9A-102.

12 (2) "Salvage vehicle" means a vehicle whose certificate of
13 ownership has been surrendered to the department under RCW 46.12.070
14 due to the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a total loss or for
15 which there is documentation indicating that the vehicle has been
16 declared salvage or has been damaged to the extent that the owner, an
17 insurer, or other person acting on behalf of the owner, has determined
18 that the cost of parts and labor plus the salvage value has made it
19 uneconomical to repair the vehicle. The term does not include a motor

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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