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By Senators Haugen, Holmquist, Jacobsen and Swecker; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to examination requirements for a certificate of
2 ownership; and amending RCW 46.12.030.

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) A physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if (i) 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 and (ii) it is not retained by the
5 registered owner at the time of the vehicle's destruction or
6 declaration as a total loss. The inspection must verify that the
7 vehicle identification number is genuine and agrees with the number
8 shown on the title and registration certificate. The inspection must
9 be made by a member of the Washington state patrol or other person
10 authorized by the department to make such inspections.

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

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

20 (iii) A Washington state patrol VIN specialist must ensure that all
21 major component parts used for the reconstruction of a salvage or
22 rebuildable vehicle were obtained legally. Original invoices for new
23 and used parts must be from a vendor that is registered with the
24 department of revenue for the collection of retail sales or use taxes
25 or comparable agency in the jurisdiction where the major component
26 parts were purchased. The invoices must include the name and address
27 of the business, a description of the part or parts sold, the date of
28 sale, and the amount of sale to include all taxes paid unless exempted
29 by the department of revenue or comparable agency in the jurisdiction
30 where the major component parts were purchased. Original invoices for
31 used parts must be from a vehicle wrecker licensed under chapter 46.80
32 RCW or a comparable business in the jurisdiction outside Washington
33 state where the major component part was purchased. If the parts or
34 components were purchased from a private individual, the private
35 individual must have title to the vehicle the parts were taken from,
36 except as provided by RCW 46.04.3815, and the bill of sale for the
37 parts must be notarized. The bills of sale must include the names and
38 addresses of the sellers and purchasers, a description of the vehicle,

1 the part or parts being sold, including the make, model, year, and
2 identification or serial number, that date of sale, and the purchase
3 price of the vehicle or part or parts. If the presenter is unable to
4 provide an acceptable release of interest or proof of ownership for a
5 vehicle or major component part as described above, an inspection must
6 be completed for ownership-in-doubt purposes as prescribed by WAC 308-
7 56A-210.

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

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

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

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