AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:707(I)(1)(b)(iv), relative to the application for certificates of ownership and salvage title for total loss motor vehicles; to provide requirements for lien satisfaction; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:707(I)(1)(b)(iv) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§707. Application for certificates of title; exception; salvage title; antique vehicles; reconstructed title

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(b) If an insurance company or its authorized agent is unable to obtain the certificate of title from the owner or lienholder within thirty days from the settlement of the property damages claim, the insurance company or its authorized agent may submit an application for a salvage title and signed under penalty of perjury, which application shall be accompanied by all of the following:

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(iv) A release of lien executed by each current holder of a security interest in the motor vehicle. Alternatively, if after satisfaction of all liens, any lien that is not released after sixty days from the date of the loss, an insurance company or its authorized agent may submit proof of full payment, a copy of the most recent letter
of guarantee from each holder of a lien that has not been released indicating the
payoff amount, and evidence of two attempts to contact the lienholder as provided
in Item (b)(i) of this Paragraph. If payment is made by check, proof of payment shall
consist of a copy of the front and back of the paid check listing all endorsements of
the named payees. If payment is made by electronic transfer, proof of payment shall
consist of evidence of the payment transaction from the account of the payer,
including submission of a screenshot of payment. In addition, submission shall
certify that any payoff funds were not returned by the lienholder. The insurance
company shall sign a hold harmless affidavit, on a form approved by the department.
The office of motor vehicles may charge a fee of no more than one hundred dollars
for each transaction.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________