
DIGEST

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HB 674 Engrossed

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Abstract: Specifies a definition for the term "motor vehicle" and requires certain reporting and prohibitions relative to auto hulk reported as stolen.

Present law requires an owner who sells a motor vehicle as scrap to be dismantled or destroyed to assign a certificate of title to the purchaser, regardless of whether the certificate was issued by the vehicle commissioner of this state or any other state.

Proposed law makes technical changes and specifies that a "motor vehicle" or "vehicle" is defined according to present law (R.S. 32:401). Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires every secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler (hereinafter "processor or recycler") to submit an electronic report to the office of motor vehicles of an auto hulk's vehicle identification number (hereinafter "VIN") within 72 hours of the purchase of an auto hulk.

Proposed law amends present law to specify that reporting be made to the office of motor vehicles' auto hulk database located at www.expresslane.org.

Proposed law removes the requirement for a processor or recycler to submit the report within 72 hours of the purchase of an auto hulk; instead, proposed law requires the processor or recycler to report the VIN prior to the dismantling, crushing, or other destruction of the auto hulk.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles to send a return message to the processor or recycler indicating successful entry into the system. Provides if the office's return message indicates the auto hulk has been reported as stolen, the processor or recycler is prohibited from dismantling or destroying the auto hulk. Further requires the processor or recycler to notify local law enforcement of the auto hulk's location.

(Amends R.S. 32:717(A) and 718(C); Adds R.S. 32:717(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes to present law and specify that a "motor vehicle" or "vehicle" is defined according to present law (R.S. 32:401).

2. Specify a secondary metal processor or licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler (processor or recycler) make required reporting of an auto hulk's vehicle identification number to the office of motor vehicles' auto hulk database located at www.expresslane.org.
3. Remove the required time frame for reporting to the database from within 72 hours of the purchase of an auto hulk to prior to the dismantling, crushing, or other destruction of the auto hulk.
4. Require the office of motor vehicles to send a return message to the processor or recycler indicating successful entry into the system.
5. Prohibit the processor or recycler from dismantling or destroying the auto hulk, if the return message indicates the auto hulk has been reported as stolen.
6. Require the processor or recycler to notify local law enforcement of the auto hulk's location, if the auto hulk was indicated as stolen.