

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 790

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to certificate of ownership and salvage title for motor vehicles declared to be a total loss

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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19 (iv) A release of lien executed by each current holder of a security interest
20 in the motor vehicle. Alternatively, if after satisfaction of all liens, any lien that is

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove a provision that prohibited the notarized signature or electronic signature of the owner who has received or is to receive a total loss settlement relative to any document, including an original or certified copy of a power of attorney, supporting an application for certificate of ownership or certificate of salvage title by an insurer or an agent of an insurer.
3. Modify proof of payment language when a lien has not been released in seven days to authorize the insurer or its agent to provide proof of full payment and a copy of the most recent letter of guarantee from the lien holder indicating the payoff amount.
4. Clarify that payments made by check must consist of a copy of the front and back of the paid check listing all endorsements of the named payees.
5. Add a requirement that any screenshot of payment submission certify that the payoff funds were not returned by the lienholder.