

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

New law makes technical changes. Specifies that a "motor vehicle" or "vehicle" is defined according to existing law (R.S. 32:401). Otherwise retains existing law.

Prior law required 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.

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

New law requires reporting to be made to the office of motor vehicles' auto hulk database located at www.expresslane.org. 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.

New law provides that the term "auto hulk" does not mean a motor vehicle as defined in existing law and new law (R.S. 32:781).

Effective August 1, 2018.

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