
DIGEST

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HB 674 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Limits how vehicles can be stored on a collector's property. Authorizes municipalities and parishes to enact ordinances to address blighted collector vehicles. Repeals requirement that blighted vehicles that could be considered collector's vehicles must be disposed of to an organization that restores historic vehicles.

Present law authorizes collectors to store motor vehicles of historic or special interest or parts cars on their property provided the cars and the storage areas are maintained in a way that does not pose a health, safety, or fire hazard.

Proposed law provides specific requirements regarding the storage of such vehicles and provides that vehicles that are not stored as provided in proposed law may be deemed a nuisance by a parish or municipal governing authority.

Present law authorizes a governing authority of a municipality or parish to enact ordinances regulating or prohibiting the storing or abandoning of junk, wrecked, or used automobiles or motor vehicles and other junk items.

Proposed law retains present law and makes it applicable to abandoned or stored motor vehicles which could be deemed of historic or special interest.

Present law provides for motor vehicles of historic or special interest or parts cars to be disposed of by contacting a club or chapter of a national organization that restores historic or special interest vehicles.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides for junk, wrecked, or used automobile or motor vehicle to be deemed a nuisance. Provides as follows with respect to such nuisance vehicles:

- (1) Provides that maintaining such a nuisance vehicle is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200 and removal of the nuisance.
- (2) Authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to abate and remove such nuisance vehicles. Provides procedural requirements including notice and hearing requirements.
- (3) Provides for the removal of the nuisance vehicle to a scrap yard or vehicle demolisher.

Authorizes a municipality or parish to dismantle or process for recycling a nuisance vehicle as an entity who has the rights to sell or transfer the vehicle as provided in present law.

(Amends R.S. 32:442(4) and 443 and R.S. 33:4876(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 33:4876.1-4876.6; Repeals R.S. 32:446)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove requirement for the cancellation of a certificate of title of a nuisance vehicle.
2. Add provision that authorizes a municipality or parish to have the nuisance vehicle dismantled or processed for recycling as an entity with the right to sell or transfer the vehicle.