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COLEMAN, APRIL 4, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests,
3 further providing for transfer to vehicle salvage dealer and
4 for transfer to scrap metal processor.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 1162(a) and 1163(a) of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the sections
9 are amended by adding subsections to read:

10 § 1162. Transfer to vehicle salvage dealer.

11 (a) General rule.--[Any] Except as provided under subsection
12 (d), any owner who transfers a vehicle or a salvage vehicle to a
13 vehicle salvage dealer, as defined in section 1337(c)(2)
14 (relating to use of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business"
15 registration plates), shall assign the certificate of title or
16 salvage certificate to the vehicle salvage dealer. A certificate
17 of title or salvage certificate for a vehicle transferred to a
18 vehicle salvage dealer is exempt from the requirements of
19 notarization and verification by a corporate officer.

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2 (d) Title not required.--Notwithstanding any other provision
3 of law, a vehicle salvage dealer may purchase from an insurer a
4 vehicle on which a total loss payment has been made by an
5 insurer without obtaining a certificate of title or salvage
6 certificate for the vehicle if all of the following apply:

7 (1) The vehicle is purchased from an insurer by a
8 vehicle salvage dealer solely for the purposes of recycling
9 parts, dismantling or scrap.

10 (2) Within five business days of the transfer of the
11 vehicle from an insurer to a vehicle salvage dealer, the
12 vehicle salvage dealer submits to the department a form, as
13 specified and provided by the department and posted on the
14 department's publicly accessible Internet website, that
15 contains the following:

16 (i) The vehicle information, including year, make,
17 model and vehicle identification number.

18 (ii) Insurer information.

19 (iii) Vehicle salvage dealer information.

20 (iv) Anticipated method and date of final
21 disposition of dismantled vehicle.

22 (v) An attestation by an authorized representative
23 of the vehicle salvage dealer that the vehicle is being
24 purchased solely for the purposes of recycling parts,
25 dismantling or scrap.

26 (vi) A certificate of title or salvage certificate,
27 if available, or a bill of sale that memorializes the
28 transfer of the vehicle between the insurer and the
29 vehicle salvage dealer.

30 (3) The vehicle salvage dealer does not begin the

1 dismantling or destruction of the vehicle until five business
2 days after the submission of the form specified under
3 paragraph (2).

4 § 1163. Transfer to scrap metal processor.

5 (a) Flattened vehicles.--[When] Except as provided under
6 subsection (e), when a vehicle has been flattened, crushed or
7 processed to the extent that it is no longer identifiable as a
8 vehicle, its certificate of title, certificate of salvage or
9 nonrepairable certificate shall be attached to a form prescribed
10 by the department and immediately sent to the department. The
11 form shall include such information as the department shall
12 require. A copy of the form shall be retained for record in
13 accordance with section 6308(d) (relating to investigation by
14 police officers). The vehicle scrap material shall no longer be
15 considered a vehicle and shall not be reconstructed, retitled or
16 issued a certificate of any kind.

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18 (e) Title not required.--Notwithstanding any other provision
19 of law, a scrap metal processor may purchase from an insurer a
20 vehicle on which a total loss payment has been made by an
21 insurer without obtaining a certificate of title or salvage
22 certificate for the vehicle if all of the following apply:

23 (1) The vehicle is purchased from an insurer by a scrap
24 metal processor solely for the purposes of recycling parts,
25 dismantling or scrap.

26 (2) Within five business days of the transfer of the
27 vehicle from an insurer to a scrap metal processor, the scrap
28 metal processor submits to the department a form, as
29 specified and provided by the department and posted on the
30 department's publicly accessible Internet website, that

1 contains the following:

2 (i) The vehicle information, including year, make,
3 model and vehicle identification number.

4 (ii) Insurer information.

5 (iii) Scrap metal processor information.

6 (iv) Anticipated method and date of final
7 disposition of dismantled vehicle.

8 (v) An attestation by an authorized representative
9 of the scrap metal processor that the vehicle is being
10 purchased solely for the purposes of recycling parts,
11 dismantling or scrap.

12 (vi) A certificate of title or certificate of
13 salvage, if available, or a bill of sale that
14 memorializes the transfer of the vehicle between the
15 insurer and the scrap metal processor.

16 (3) The scrap metal processor does not begin the
17 dismantling or destruction of the vehicle until five business
18 days following the submission of the form specified under
19 paragraph (2).

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.