

HOUSE BILL 979

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 21, Part 7; Title 18, Chapter 6 and Title
55, Chapter 3, relative to certificates of title.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-208, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(d) In any county having a metropolitan form of government and a population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, prior to the issuance of a rebuilt certificate of title for a vehicle on which a salvage title has been issued, the vehicle shall be inspected by a representative of the county clerk at such county clerk's office during normal business hours or by a representative of the department at a place and time to be designated by the commissioner. The person inspecting the vehicle shall certify the identity of the vehicle. The inspection shall include bills of sale, identification of source of parts used, and an affidavit by the applicant that the vehicle has been repaired in accordance with manufacturer's requirements and department rules. The commissioner, for good cause shown, may waive the inspection requirement for any given vehicle or particular class of vehicle. If the commissioner determines that a vehicle inspection is unsatisfactory or that the requirements of this section have not been met, the commissioner shall refuse to issue a certificate of title of any kind on such motor vehicle.

(e) If a representative of a county clerk inspects the vehicle pursuant to subsection (d), then the county clerk shall forward all required documents and fees to the department of revenue for the issuance of a motor vehicle title. If the office of county clerk performs an inspection, such office may collect a fee in an amount not to exceed

fifty percent (50%) of the fee charged pursuant to subsection (c). The fee imposed pursuant to this subsection (e) shall be in addition to any other fee imposed pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.