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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 144

March 10, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives STEFFEN, E. BROOKS, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, KREMER, KULP, MURSAU, STUCK, TUSLER and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, PETROWSKI and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 342.30 (1g); and *to create* 342.30 (1g) (b) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** removal and replacement of a vehicle or vehicle part
3 identification number.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may remove, alter, obliterate, or intentionally make it impossible to read a vehicle or vehicle part identification number. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years, or both.

This bill creates an exception to this prohibition for persons who remove and replace a decal that contains a vehicle or vehicle part identification number when repairing a vehicle or vehicle part if the removal and replacement is reasonably necessary for the repair.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 342.30 (1g) of the statutes is renumbered 342.30 (1g) (a) and
5 amended to read:

6 342.30 (1g) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (b), no person may remove, alter
7 or obliterate or intentionally make it impossible to read, as required under sub. (2),

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1 an identification number. This subsection does not apply to the obliteration of an
2 identification number which occurs in the process of crushing a vehicle or vehicle
3 part for scrap.

4 **SECTION 2.** 342.30 (1g) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 342.30 (1g) (b) A person who repairs a vehicle or vehicle part may remove and
6 replace a decal that contains an identification number if the removal and
7 replacement is reasonably necessary for the repair.

8 (END)