

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 638 (Delegate Doorv)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Crimes - Possession of Vehicles Without Identification Numbers - Exceptions**

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This bill authorizes insurers or their agents to buy, receive, and possess a motor vehicle knowing that the vehicle's identification number was removed, if the vehicle was the subject of a total loss settlement. The bill authorizes insurers or their agents to sell or dispose of a vehicle knowing that the identification number was removed, if the vehicle was the subject of a total loss settlement and the Motor Vehicle Administration will not issue a new identification number. If the insurance company or its agent determines that the vehicle is not rebuildable, the transfer may be made to a licensed automotive dismantler and recycler or to a licensed scrap dealer. The transfer may be made to a licensed dealer, to a licensed automotive dismantler and recycler, or to a licensed scrap dealer if the insurance company or its agent determines that the vehicle is rebuildable and if the transferee is advised that the vehicle may not be offered for resale until a number has been assigned.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** It is unlawful to possess or sell any manufactured article or product, including a vehicle, from which the manufacturer's serial number has been removed, defaced, or obliterated. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable a maximum penalty of a \$300 fine and/or one year of imprisonment.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of State Police, Maryland Department of Transportation (Motor Vehicle Administration), Maryland Insurance Administration, Department of Legislative Services

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