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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Certificate of Title - Rebuilt Salvage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certificate of title to a vehicle contain a
4 conspicuous notation that the vehicle is "rebuilt salvage" whenever an insurance
5 company's application for a salvage certificate for the vehicle contains a
6 statement that the cost to repair the vehicle for highway operation was equal to
7 or less than the fair market value of the vehicle prior to the vehicle sustaining
8 damage; and generally relating to salvaged vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 13-506(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 13-507
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 13-506.

23 (c) (1) An insurance company shall apply for a salvage certificate on a form
24 provided by the Administration for each vehicle titled in the State that is acquired as
25 a result of a claim settlement arising from an accident that occurred in the State.

26 (2) The application under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be
27 accompanied by:

- 1 (i) The certificate of title of the vehicle;
- 2 (ii) A statement by the insurance company that:
- 3 1. The cost to repair the vehicle for highway operation is
4 greater than the fair market value of the vehicle prior to sustaining the damage for
5 which the claim was paid;
- 6 2. The cost to repair the vehicle for highway operation is
7 equal to or less than the fair market value of the vehicle prior to sustaining the
8 damage for which the claim was paid;
- 9 3. The vehicle is not rebuildable, will be used for parts only,
10 and is not to be retitled; or
- 11 4. The vehicle has been stolen; and
- 12 (iii) A fee established by the Administration.

13 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 13-507(c)(2) of this subtitle, a salvage
14 certificate issued under this paragraph shall contain a conspicuous notation by the
15 Administration that describes which of the statements under paragraph (2)(ii) of this
16 subsection applies to the vehicle.

17 13-507.

18 (a) (1) An application for a certificate of title of a vehicle for which a salvage
19 certificate has been issued shall be made by the owner of the vehicle on a form that
20 the Administration requires.

21 (2) An application under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be
22 accompanied by:

23 (i) Except as provided in subsection (c)(3) of this section, the
24 salvage certificate for the vehicle;

25 (ii) A certificate of inspection issued by a county police department
26 or the Department of State Police; and

27 (iii) A certificate of inspection as required under Title 23 of this
28 article.

29 (3) (i) The Administration may establish a fee for an inspection under
30 paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.

31 (ii) The fees collected under this paragraph shall be paid into the
32 Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund established under Article 88B, § 74 of the Code.

33 (b) (1) The certificate of title issued by the Administration shall be:

34 (i) Issued in the name of the applicant; and

1 (ii) In a form as provided in this subsection.

2 (2) The Administration shall issue a certificate of title that contains a
3 conspicuous notation that the vehicle is "rebuilt salvage" if the salvage certificate
4 accompanying the application:

5 (i) Bears a notation under § 13-506(c)(2)(i)1 OR 2 of this subtitle;
6 or

7 (ii) [Does not bear a notation under § 13-506(c)(2)(i)2 of this
8 subtitle] WAS ISSUED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1992, AND THE APPLICATION IS
9 ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT IN WRITING FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY
10 THAT THE COST TO REPAIR THE VEHICLE WAS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE FAIR
11 MARKET VALUE OF THE VEHICLE PRIOR TO THE VEHICLE SUSTAINING DAMAGE.

12 (3) The Administration shall issue a certificate of title that does not
13 contain a notation under paragraph (2) of this subsection if the salvage certificate
14 accompanying the application [:

15 (i) Bears a notation under § 13-506(c)(2)(i)2 of this subtitle;

16 (ii) Is issued before October 1, 1992 and the application is
17 accompanied by a statement in writing from an insurance company that the cost to
18 repair the vehicle was equal to or less than the fair market value of the vehicle prior
19 to the vehicle sustaining damage; or

20 (iii) Is] IS issued for a vehicle that is more than 7 model years old.

21 (c) (1) When an insurance company makes a claim settlement on a vehicle
22 that has been stolen, the company shall apply for a salvage certificate as provided in
23 § 13-506(c) of this subtitle.

24 (2) On receipt of an application under this subsection, the
25 Administration:

26 (i) Shall make the appropriate notation in its records; and

27 (ii) May not issue the salvage certificate until the vehicle is
28 recovered.

29 (3) When a vehicle that has been stolen is recovered, the Administration
30 shall:

31 (i) Issue a salvage certificate for the vehicle if the insurance
32 company submits a certification under § 13-506(c)(2)(i)1, 2, or 3 of this subtitle; or

33 (ii) Issue a certificate of title in lieu of a salvage certificate if the
34 insurance company states that the vehicle has not sustained damage or has sustained
35 only minor damage.

1 (4) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section apply to a certificate of
2 title issued under this subsection.

3 (5) A vehicle for which a certificate of title was issued under paragraph
4 (3)(ii) of this subsection is exempt from the vehicle excise tax as provided in §
5 13-810(a)(9) of this article.

6 (d) If the Administration receives an application for a certificate of title for a
7 vehicle accompanied by an ownership document issued by another state containing a
8 notation under the laws of the issuing state that the vehicle is in a condition that is
9 substantially similar to a vehicle that is rebuilt salvage under Maryland law, the
10 certificate of title issued by the Administration shall contain a similar notation.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect October 1, 2003.