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Senate Bill 161 (Senators Stone and Della)
Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers and Scrap Processors -
Notice of Vehicle Acquisition**

This bill repeals the requirement that an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor (dismantler) provide notice to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) within 30 days after acquiring title to a vehicle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect MVA operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Dismantlers would no longer have to provide notice to the MVA, which could provide minimal administrative savings.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: A dismantler must keep an accurate and complete record of all vehicles acquired in his business. The records must contain, for each vehicle acquired:

- the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired;
- the date on which it was acquired;
- documentary evidence acceptable to the MVA of ownership of the vehicle; and
- any other information that the MVA requires.

However, a dismantler must also provide notice to the MVA within 30 days after acquiring title to a vehicle and before disposing of the vehicle. The notice must be provided in the form the MVA requires. Immediately after providing notice, the automotive dismantler may dispose of the vehicle. The MVA advises that documents obtained from this notice are simply stored, and are not utilized. At one point, they were utilized in a program where dismantlers were compensated for destroying vehicles; however, that program is no longer in operation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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