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House Bill 717

(Delegate Malone)

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

This bill requires an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration electronically and in a form prescribed by MVA when it acquires title to a vehicle. MVA is authorized to designate another entity to receive this notice. Vehicles acquired through a salvage certificate are exempt from this electronic notification requirement.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor licensed by MVA is required to notify MVA within 30 days after acquiring title to a vehicle. The vehicle may be dismantled or disposed of immediately after giving notice to MVA. Each automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor is required to keep records of the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired, the date on which

it was acquired, evidence of ownership acceptable to MVA, and any other information MVA requires.

Background: The changes under the bill were recommended by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, a statewide planning and funding resource created by the General Assembly in 1994. MVA advises that it will designate the Maryland Automobile Theft Prevention Council to receive notice of receipt of title.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 274 (Senators Stone and Della) – Judicial Proceedings.

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