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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 408

(Delegate Malone)

Environmental Matters

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

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This emergency bill expands an exemption currently provided to automotive dismantlers and recyclers and scrap processors. Thus, if a salvage certificate is issued by a government agency of another state similar to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), the automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor does not have to electronically submit notification of acquisition of the vehicle within 30 days, as is currently allowed if the salvage certificate is issued by MVA.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Except for a vehicle acquired through a salvage certificate issued by MVA, an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor that acquires title to a vehicle must notify MVA or its designee of the acquisition electronically and in a form prescribed by MVA.

MVA must issue a certificate of title with a conspicuous notation that a vehicle is “rebuilt salvage” under specified circumstances. If MVA receives a salvage certificate or ownership document issued by another state containing a notation that the vehicle is in a

condition that is substantially similar to a vehicle that is rebuilt salvage, MVA must also issue a certificate of title with a similar notation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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