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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests,
3 further providing for certificate of salvage required, for
4 transfer to vehicle salvage dealer and for transfer to scrap
5 metal processor.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1161(b), 1162(b) and 1163(a) and (c) of
9 Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
10 to read:

11 § 1161. Certificate of salvage required.

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13 (b) Application for certificate of salvage.--An owner who
14 transfers a vehicle to be destroyed or dismantled, salvaged or
15 recycled shall assign the certificate of title to the person to
16 whom the vehicle is transferred. Except as provided in section
17 1163, the transferee shall [immediately] within 30 days present
18 the assigned certificate of title to the department or an
19 authorized agent of the department with an application for a

1 certificate of salvage upon a form furnished and prescribed by
2 the department. An insurer as defined in section 1702 to which
3 title to a vehicle is assigned upon payment to the insured or
4 claimant of the replacement value of a vehicle shall be regarded
5 as a transferee under this subsection, and an assignment of
6 title to an insurer under this subsection is exempt from the
7 requirements of notarization and verification in section 1111(a)
8 (relating to transfer of ownership of vehicle). If an owner
9 retains possession of a vehicle which is damaged to the extent
10 that it qualifies for vehicle replacement payment, the owner
11 shall apply for a certificate of salvage [immediately] within 30
12 days. In this case, an insurer shall not pay vehicle replacement
13 value until the owner produces evidence to the insurer that the
14 certificate of salvage has been issued. A self-insurer as
15 defined in section 1702 shall apply for a certificate of salvage
16 when a vehicle is damaged to the extent that the cost of repairs
17 would exceed the replacement value of the vehicle as certified
18 by a licensed motor vehicle physical damage appraiser.

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20 § 1162. Transfer to vehicle salvage dealer.

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22 (b) Certificate of title.--Upon transfer of a certificate of
23 title to a salvage vehicle dealer, the salvage vehicle dealer
24 shall [immediately] within 30 days send to the department or an
25 authorized agent of the department either of the following:

26 (1) The assigned certificate of title attached to a form
27 prescribed by the department indicating that the vehicle is
28 to be designated as a nonrepairable vehicle. A copy of the
29 form shall be retained for record in accordance with section
30 6308(d) (relating to investigation by police officers). The

1 vehicle shall not be rebuilt, retitled or issued a
2 certificate of any kind.

3 (2) The assigned certificate of title with an
4 application for a certificate of salvage upon a form
5 prescribed by the department. The certificate of salvage,
6 when issued to the vehicle salvage dealer, shall have the
7 same effect as provided in section 1161(c) (relating to
8 certificate of salvage required).

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10 § 1163. Transfer to scrap metal processor.

11 (a) Flattened vehicles.--When a vehicle has been flattened,
12 crushed or processed to the extent that it is no longer
13 identifiable as a vehicle, its certificate of title, certificate
14 of salvage or nonrepairable certificate shall be attached to a
15 form prescribed by the department and [immediately] within 30
16 days sent to the department. The form shall include such
17 information as the department shall require. A copy of the form
18 shall be retained for record in accordance with section 6308(d)
19 (relating to investigation by police officers). The vehicle
20 scrap material shall no longer be considered a vehicle and shall
21 not be reconstructed, retitled or issued a certificate of any
22 kind.

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24 (c) Certificate of title.--Upon transfer of a certificate of
25 title to a scrap metal processor, the scrap metal processor
26 shall [immediately] within 30 days send to the department or an
27 authorized agent of the department the assigned certificate of
28 title attached to a form prescribed by the department indicating
29 that the vehicle is to be designated as a nonrepairable vehicle.
30 A copy of the form shall be retained for record in accordance

1 with section 6308(d). The vehicle shall not be rebuilt, retitled
2 or issued a certificate of any kind.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.