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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the enforcement of laws concerning motor vehicle fraud, salvage, and theft, certificates of title, and 2 transfer of ownership of foreign, wrecked, and salvage 3 vehicles and making penalties applicable and providing 4 effective dates. 5 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 7 8 9 10 11 12 5866 7 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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Section 1. Section 321.23, subsection 1, Code 1987, is 2 amended to read as follows:

If the vehicle to be registered is a specially 1. 3 4 constructed, reconstructed, remanufactured or foreign vehicle, 5 such fact shall be stated in the application. A fee of ten 6 dollars shall be paid by the person making the application 7 upon issuance of a certificate of title by the county 8 treasurer. If the vehicle is a foreign vehicle which has been 9 registered outside of this state, the county treasurer shall 10 indicate on the certificate of title the name of the state or 11 country in which the vehicle was last registered prior to 12 being registered in this state and the county treasurer shall 13 continue to indicate the name of such state or country on all 14 subsequent certificates of title issued for the vehicle. With 15 reference to every specially constructed or reconstructed 16 motor vehicle subject to registration the application shall be 17 accompanied by a statement from the department authorizing the 18 motor vehicle to be titled and registered in this state. The 19 department shall cause a physical inspection to be made of all 20 specially constructed or reconstructed motor vehicles, upon 21 application for a certificate of title by the owner, to 22 determine whether the motor vehicle is in a safe operating 23 condition and that the integral component parts are properly 24 identified and that the rightful ownership is established 25 before issuing the owner the authority to have the motor 26 vehicle registered and titled. With reference to every 27 foreign vehicle which has been registered outside of this 28 state the owner shall surrender to the treasurer all 29 registration plates, registration cards, and certificates of 30 title, or, if the vehicle to be registered is from a nontitle 31 state, the evidence of foreign registration and ownership as 32 may be prescribed by the department except as provided in 33 subsection 2.

34 Sec. 2. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 35 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

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The certificate of title shall contain upon its face the 2 identical information required upon the face of the 3 registration receipt. In addition, the certificate of title 4 shall contain a statement of the owner's title, the amount of 5 tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, the name and address of 6 the previous owner, and a statement of all security interests 7 and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle 8 described including the nature of the security interest, date 9 of notation, and name and address of the secured party. If 10 the vehicle has been previously registered outside of this 11 state, the certificate of title shall contain the name of the 12 last such state or country in which the vehicle was 13 registered. The certificate shall bear the seal of the county 14 treasurer or of the department, and the signature of the 15 county treasurer, the deputy county treasurer, or the 16 department director or deputy designee. The certificate shall 17 provide space for the signature of the owner. The owner shall 18 sign the certificate of title in the space provided with pen 19 and ink upon its receipt. The certificate of title shall 20 contain upon the reverse side a form for assignment of title 21 or interest and warranty by the owner, for reassignments by a 22 licensed dealer, and for application for a new certificate of 23 title by the transferee as provided in this chapter. However, 24 titles for mobile homes shall not be reassigned by licensed 25 dealers. All certificates of title shall be typewritten or 26 printed by other mechanical means. Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended to read as 27 Sec. 3. 28 follows: MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODOMETER LAW ENFORCEMENT. 29 307.37

The department shall investigate and prosecute violators of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not limited to, the state and federal odometer law. The department shall refer available evidence concerning a possible violation of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not limited to, section 321.71 or the federal

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1 odometer law or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or 2 the federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The 3 attorney general, with or without the referral, may institute 4 appropriate criminal proceedings or may direct the case to the 5 appropriate county attorney to institute appropriate criminal 6 proceedings. The attorney general may use those funds 7 available to the department for this purpose and law 8 enforcement agencies may be reimbursed for expenses incurred 9 in the enforcement of the-state-and-federal-odometer those 10 laws, rules, or orders with the approval of the attorney 11 general and concurrence by the department.

12 Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, Code 1987, is 13 amended to read as follows:

14 4. a. A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer 15 licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a wrecked or 16 salvage vehicle, shall surrender the certificate of title and 17 registration receipt or manufacturer's or importer's statement 18 of origin properly assigned, together with an application for 19 a salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer of the 20 county of residence of the purchaser or transferee within 21 fourteen days after the date of assignment of the certificate 22 of title for the wrecked or salvage motor vehicle. This 23 subsection applies only to vehicles with a fair market value 24 of five hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 25 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a fee of 26 two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a salvage 27 certificate of title which shall bear the word "SALVAGE" 28 stamped on the face of the title in bold letters and coded in 29 a manner prescribed by the department. A salvage certificate 30 of title may be assigned to any person.

<u>b.</u> Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section a vehicle on which ownership has transferred to an insurer of the vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of the vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered theft of the settlement, shall be deemed to be a wrecked or salvage vehicle

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1 and the insurer shall comply with this subsection to obtain a 2 salvage certificate of title within fourteen days after the 3 date of assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle. 4 The insurer shall not transfer title of the vehicle except to 5 an authorized vehicle recycler licensed under chapter 321H, an 6 authorized vehicle recycler licensed in another state, or the 7 owner from whom the vehicle was transferred to the insured.

8 When a wrecked or salvage vehicle has been repaired or Ċ. 9 rebuilt, that person shall make application for a certificate 10 of title to the county treasurer of the county of residence of ll the owner, and shall surrender the salvage certificate of 12 title issued for the vehicle and a properly executed salvage 13 theft examination certificate. A-verification Verification of 14 the vehicle identification number of the vehicle and the 15 salvage theft examination certificate, and an assessment of 16 the vehicle's replaced or repaired component parts total point 17 value in accordance with section 321.52A shall be made by a 8 peace officer of the state department of transportation, the 19 department of public safety, county sheriff or police 20 department of cities with a population exceeding five thousand 21 persons, or a person designated by the director of public 22 safety or the director of transportation. The person making 23 application for the certificate of title shall provide a 24 photograph of the vehicle showing its damaged condition prior 25 to its repair or rebuilding to aid in the assessment of the 26 vehicle's replaced or repaired component parts total point 27 value. The applicant shall also provide a list of the 28 component parts of the vehicle which were replaced or repaired 29 and shall provide documentation of replaced parts showing 30 where they were obtained and, if a replacement part is used, 31 the applicant shall provide the vehicle identification number 32 of the vehicle from which the replacement part originated. If 33 an applicant fails to provide the photograph, list, or 34 necessary documentation, the vehicle shall be deemed to have a 5 replaced or repaired component parts total point value of

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1 fifty points or more.

A salvage theft examination shall be made by a peace 2 3 officer who has been specially trained, certified, and 4 recertified when required, by the Iowa law enforcement academy 5 to do salvage theft examinations. The owner of the salvage 6 vehicle shall make the vehicle available for examination at a 7 time and location designated by the peace officer doing the 8 examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive the 9 vehicle to and from the examination location by submitting a 10 repair affidavit to the agency performing the examination ll stating that the vehicle is reasonably safe for operation and 12 listing the repairs which have been made to the vehicle. The 13 owner must be present for the examination and have available 14 for inspection the salvage title, bills of sale for all 15 essential parts changed, and the repair affidavit. The 16 examination shall be for the purposes of determining whether 17 the vehicle or repair components have been stolen. The 18 examination is not a safety inspection and a signed salvage 19 theft examination certificate shall not be construed by any 20 court of law to be a certification that the vehicle is safe to 21 be operated. There shall be no cause of action against the 22 peace officer or the agency conducting the examination or the 23 county treasurer for failure to discover or note safety 24 defects. The repair affidavit, permit, and salvage theft 25 examination certificate shall be on controlled forms 26 prescribed and furnished by the department. The owner shall 27 pay a fee of fifty dollars upon completion of the examination. 28 The agency performing the examinations shall retain forty 29 dollars of the fee and shall pay five dollars of the fee to 30 the department and five dollars of the fee to the Iowa law 31 enforcement academy to provide for the special training, 32 certification, and recertification of officers as required by 33 this subsection. PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The verification, salvage theft 34

35 examination, and assessment shall be made on forms provided by

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1 the department and signed by the peace officer or the 2 appropriately designated person and the verification, salvage 3 theft examination, and assessment form shall be surrendered by 4 the owner to the county treasurer at the time application is 5 made for a certificate of title. Upon payment of the 6 appropriate fees and surrender of the appropriate documents 7 the county treasurer shall issue a certificate of title to the 8 person making application. If the vehicle's replaced or 9 repaired component parts total point value equals or exceeds 10 fifty points, the certificate of title and each subsequently 11 issued certificate of title for the vehicle shall bear the 12 word "REBUILT" stamped on the face of the title in bold 13 letters.

14 The assessment provisions of this lettered paragraph do not 15 apply to vehicles being registered under section 321.115 and 16 the certificate of title issued to such vehicles shall not 17 bear the word "REBUILT" stamped on the face of the title.

18 <u>d.</u> For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or salvage 19 vehicle" means a damaged vehicle for which the cost of repair 20 exceeds fifty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle 21 before it became damaged.

22 Sec. 5. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 321.52A POINT SYSTEM FOR 23 DETERMINING DESIGNATION OF REBUILT VEHICLES.

24 1. When a person makes application for a certificate of 25 title for a wrecked or salvage vehicle which has been repaired 26 or rebuilt, an assessment shall be made of the replaced or 27 repaired component parts total point value in accordance with 28 rules adopted by the department.

29 2. The department shall adopt rules under chapter 17A 30 designating component part point values for vehicles. The 31 rules shall assign point values so that the point system 32 accurately reflects the value of the structural components of 33 the vehicle. The rules may provide for alternate point 34 systems for different types of vehicles.

5 Sec. 6. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,

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l is amended to read as follows:

Except for educational institutions, people-licensed-as-new or-used-vehicle-dealers-under-chapter-322; people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for sale as scrap metal or a person licensed runder the provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle recycler, a person in this state shall not engage in the business of:

10 Sec. 7. The state department of transportation shall adopt 11 rules which allow authorized vehicle recyclers, as defined in 12 chapter 321H, to meet the definition of transporter, as 13 defined in chapter 321, so that transporter plates may be 14 issued for authorized vehicle recyclers.

15 Sec. 8. Although not binding on the state department of 16 transportation, it is initially suggested that the following 17 point values be assigned to component parts for the following 18 vehicles:

19 1. For a frame type vehicle which is a motor truck 20 registered for a combined gross weight of three tons or less 21 or an automobile, the recommended assessed points for 22 component parts which are replaced or repaired are as follows:

23	Component Part	<u>Point Value</u>
24	Windshield	l
25	Dash	2
26	Interior seats	2
27	Motor	4
28	Transmission	1
29	Rear end	1
30	Glass other than windshield	0
31	Front end assembly	25
32	Header	2
33	Grille	2
34	Front bumper	2
35	Fender assembly	5

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	Hood	5	
2	Radiator support	2	
3	Radiator	2	
4	Air condenser	1	
5	Cowl	15	
б	Cowl side	10	
7	Complete frame less suspension	n 10	
8	Front 1/2 frame	7	
9	Rear 1/2 frame	5	
10	Side rail of frame	5	
11	Repair frame	5	
12	Front suspension parts		
13	Lower control	1	
14	Upper control	1	
15	Spindle	1	
16	Center pillar door	5	
17	Rocker panel	5	
8	Rear clip with roof	25	
19	Roof	2	
20	Short rear clip	18	
21	Quarter panel	12	
22	Deck lid	2	
23	Tail light per side	1	
24	Rear bumper	2	
25	Tail gate	2	
26	Door (4-door vehicle)	10	
27	Door (2-door vehicle)	15	
28	2. For a unit body vehicle	e which is a motor truck	
29	registered for a combined gros	ss weight of three tons or less	
30	or an automobile, the recommend	nded assessed points for	
31	component parts which are repl	laced or repaired are as follows	:
32	Component Part	Point Value	
33	Windshield	1	
34	Dash	2	
5	Interior seats	2	

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1 Motor 4 2 2 Transaxle 3 Glass other than windshield 0 4 Front end assembly (with cowl) 50 5 Front end assembly (cut forward 30 6 of cowl behind spring tower) 7 Front end assembly (cut forward of spring tower behind 8 25 radiator support) 9 2 10 Front bumper 2 11 Header or front panel 2 12 Grille 13 Air condenser 1 2 14 Radiator 3 15 Radiator support 5 16 Hood 17 Fender 3 18 Upper fender support 2 19 Lower frame side rail 4 20 Front crossmember 2 21 McPherson strut ٦. 22 Upper control 1 23 Lower control 1 1 24 Spindle 20 25 Cowl 26 Cowl side 1 27 1/2 Cowl 15 28 Door (2-door vehicle) 10 29 Door (4-door vehicle) 10 30 Center pillar post door 5 31 Rocker panel 5 5 32 Center body pan 3 33 Engine cradle 34 Rear clip complete (includes 35 roof, deck lid, tail lights,

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rear bumper)	25
Short rear clip	20
Quarter panel	12
Rear trunk pan	3
Deck lid	2
Tail lights per side	1
Rear bumper	1
Roof	2
	Short rear clip Quarter panel Rear trunk pan Deck lid Tail lights per side Rear bumper

Sec. 9. Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 of this Act take effect g 10 July 1 following its enactment. Sections 4 and 5 of this Act 11 take effect January 1 following its enactment. However, the 12 state department of transportation shall adopt rules as 13 required for implementation of sections 4 and 5 of this Act 14 prior to January 1 following this Act's enactment. 15

EXPLANATION

16 Sections 1 and 2 of this bill require certificates of 17 titles issued to foreign vehicles which have been registered 8 outside of this state to indicate the name of the state or 19 country in which the vehicle was last registered prior to 20 being registered in this state.

21 Section 3 expands provisions dealing with the enforcement 22 of state and federal odometer laws to include enforcement of 23 other motor vehicle fraud laws in the same manner.

24 Section 4 limits insurance companies, which obtain a 25 vehicle as the result of a settlement with the owner of the 26 vehicle arising out of damage to or unrecovered theft of the 27 vehicle, to being able to transfer the title of the vehicle to 28 only licensed vehicle recyclers or the owner from whom they 29 obtained the title of the vehicle.

30 Sections 4 and 5 require applicants for a certificate of 31 title for a repaired or rebuilt wrecked or salvage vehicle to 32 have an assessment of the replaced or repaired component parts 33 according to a point value system. Vehicles which are 34 assessed fifty or more points shall have certificates of title 5 issued with the word "REBUILT" in bold letters on the face of

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1 the certificates. Section 4 also requires rebuilt, wrecked, 2 or salvage motor vehicles to undergo a salvage theft 3 inspection by a qualified law enforcement officer to check for 4 stolen parts, at the cost of a fifty-dollar inspection fee. 5 Forty dollars of the inspection fee is retained by the agency 6 performing the examination, five dollars of the fee is paid to 7 the state department of transportation, and the remaining five 8 dollars is paid to the Iowa law enforcement academy to provide 9 for the special training, certification, and recertification 10 of officers. Sections 4 and 5 do not apply to any vehicle 11 with a fair market value of less than five hundred dollars 12 based on the value of the vehicle before it became wrecked or 13 salvage. The point assessment provisions of sections 4 and 5 14 do not apply to antiquated vehicles being specially registered 15 under section 321.115; however, the salvage theft examination 16 provisions of section 4 do apply to such vehicles.

17 Section 6 requires people licensed as new or used vehicle 18 dealers under chapter 322 to be licensed as authorized vehicle 19 recyclers under chapter 321H (with certain exceptions) if they 20 wish to be in the business of selling, wrecking, or rebuilding 21 in one calendar year six or more wrecked or salvage vehicles 22 subject to registration.

23 Section 7 requires the state department of transportation 24 to adopt rules so that authorized vehicle recyclers may apply 25 for transporter plates.

26 Section 8 provides a suggested point system for component 27 parts of certain vehicles, but the provisions are not binding 28 on the state department of transportation.

29 Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 take effect July 1 following 30 enactment; sections 4 and 5 take effect January 1 following 31 enactment. However, the state department of transportation is 32 required to adopt rules to allow implementation of sections 4 33 and 5 prior to the January 1 effective date.

This bill creates and internally cites new section 321.52A.
 SIMILAR TO SSB 2208

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SENATE FILE 2285

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Amend Senate File 2285 as follows: 1 By striking everything after the enacting 2 1. 3 clause and inserting the following: "Section 1. Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended Δ 5 to read as follows: 307.37 MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODOMETER LAW 6 7 ENFORCEMENT. 8 The department shall investigate and prosecute 9 violators of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud 10 including, but not limited to, the state and federal 11 odometer law. The department shall refer available 12 evidence concerning a possible violation of the laws 13 concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not 14 limited to, section 321.71 or the federal odometer law 15 or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or the 16 federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The 17 attorney general, with or without the referral, may 18 institute appropriate criminal proceedings or may 19 direct the case to the appropriate county attorney to 20 institute appropriate criminal proceedings. The 21 attorney general may use those funds available to the 22 department for this purpose and law enforcement 23 agencies may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in 24 the enforcement of the-state-and-federal-odometer 25 those laws, rules, or orders with the approval of the 26 attorney general and concurrence by the department. Sec. 2. Section 312.2, subsection 15, Code 27 28 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: 29 15. The treasurer of state, before making the 30 allotments provided for in this section, shall credit 31 annually to the state department of transportation 32 from the road use tax fund an amount equal to twenty-33 five cents on each title issuance for motor vehicle 34 fraud law enforcement purposes including, but not 35 limited to, the enforcement of state and federal 36 odometer law-enforcement-purposes laws. This 37 subsection-is-effective-for-the-fiscal-period 38 beginning-July-17-1984-and-ending-June-307-19897 39 Sec. 3. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, 40 Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: 41 The certificate of title shall contain upon its 42 face the identical information required upon the face 43 of the registration receipt. In addition, the 44 certificate of title shall contain a statement of the 45 owner's title, the amount of tax paid pursuant to 46 section 423.7, the name and address of the previous 47 owner, and a statement of all security interests and 48 encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the 49 vehicle described, including the nature of the 50 security interest, date of notation, and name and

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1 address of the secured party. If the prior 2 certificate of title was a salvage, rebuilt, or 3 junking certificate of title in any other state, or if 4 the prior certificate of title in any other state 5 indicates that the vehicle was salvaged, rebuilt, or 6 junked, the new certificate of title shall contain the 7 same information and a salvage, rebuilt, or junking 8 designation shall be retained on all subsequent Iowa 9 title certificates for the vehicle. The department 10 shall adopt rules to determine how other states' 11 salvage, rebuilt, or junking designations are to be 12 indicated on Iowa titles. The certificate shall bear 13 the seal of the county treasurer or of the department, 14 and the signature of the county treasurer, the deputy 15 county treasurer, or the department director or deputy 16 designee. The certificate shall provide space for the 17 signature of the owner. The owner shall sign the 18 certificate of title in the space provided with pen 19 and ink upon its receipt. The certificate of title 20 shall contain upon the reverse side a form for 21 assignment of title or interest and warranty by the 22 owner, for reassignments by a licensed dealer, and for 23 application for a new certificate of title by the 24 transferee as provided in this chapter. However, 25 titles for mobile homes shall not be reassigned by 26 licensed dealers. All certificates of title shall be 27 typewritten or printed by other mechanical means. 28 Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered 29 paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: a. A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer 30 31 licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a 32 wrecked or salvage vehicle, shall surrender the 33 certificate of title and registration receipt or 34 manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin 35 properly assigned, together with an application for a 36 salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer 37 of the county of residence of the purchaser or 38 transferee within fourteen days after the date of 39 assignment of the certificate of title for the wrecked 40 or salvage motor vehicle. This subsection applies 41 only to vehicles with a fair market value of five 42 hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 43 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a 44 fee of two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a 45 salvage certificate of title which shall bear the word 46 "SALVAGE" stamped or printed on the face of the title 47 in-bold-letters-and-coded in a manner prescribed by 48 the department. A salvage certificate of title may be 49 assigned to any person. Notwithstanding-any-other 50 provisions-in-this-section-a A vehicle on which

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1 ownership has transferred to an insurer of the 2 vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of 3 the vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered 4 theft of the vehicle, shall be deemed to be a wrecked 5 or salvage-wehicle and the insurer shall comply with 6 this subsection to obtain a salvage certificate of 7 title within fourteen days after the date of 8 assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle. Sec. 5. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered a 10 paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended by striking the 11 unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the 12 following lettered paragraphs, and lettering the 13 existing paragraphs of the subsection: b. When a wrecked or salvaged vehicle has been 14 15 repaired, the owner may apply for a regular 16 certificate of title by paying the appropriate fees 17 and surrendering the salvage certificate of title and 18 a properly executed salvage theft examination 19 certificate. The county treasurer shall issue a 20 regular certificate of title which, if the wrecked or 21 salvaged vehicle is five model years old or less, 22 shall bear the word "REBUILT" stamped or printed on 23 the face of the title. The rebuilt designation shall 24 be included on every Iowa certificate of title issued 25 thereafter for the vehicle. However, if ownership of 26 a stolen vehicle has been transferred to an insurer 27 organized under the laws of this state or admitted to 28 do business in this state, or if the transfer was the 29 result of a settlement with the owner of the vehicle 30 arising from damage to or the unrecovered theft of the 31 vehicle, and if the insurer certifies to the county 32 treasurer on a form approved by the department that 33 the cost of repairs to all damage to the vehicle is 34 less than three thousand dollars, the county treasurer 35 shall issue the regular certificate of title without 36 the rebuilt designation. . A salvage theft examination shall be made by a \sim 37 c. 38 peace officer who has been specially certified and

39 recertified when required by the Iowa law enforcement 40 academy to do salvage theft examinations. The Iowa 41 law enforcement academy shall determine standards for 42 training and certification, conduct training, and may 43 approve alternative training programs which satisfy 44 the academy's standards for training and 45 certification. The owner of the salvage vehicle shall 46 make the vehicle available for examination at a time 47 and location designated by the peace officer doing the 48 examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive 49 the vehicle to and from the examination location by 50 submitting a repair affidavit to the agency performing SENATE 26 MARCH 10, 1988

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1 the examination stating that the vehicle is reasonably 2 safe for operation and listing the repairs which have 3 been made to the vehicle. The owner must be present 4 for the examination and have available for inspection 5 the salvage title, bills of sale for all essential 6 parts changed, and the repair affidavit. The 7 examination shall be for the purposes of determining 8 whether the vehicle or repair components have been 9 stolen. The examination is not a safety inspection 10 and a signed salvage theft examination certificate 11 shall not be construed by any court of law to be a 12 certification that the vehicle is safe to be operated. 13 There shall be no cause of action against the peace 14 officer or the agency conducting the examination or 15 the county treasurer for failure to discover or note 16 safety defects. If the vehicle passes the theft 17 examination, the peace officer shall indicate that the 18 vehicle passed examination on the salvage theft 19 examination certificate and, with regard to a vehicle 20 which is required to bear the word "REBUILT" stamped 21 or printed on the face of the title, shall permanently 22 identify the vehicle as "rebuilt" on the driver's door 23 jamb or other area on the vehicle as designated by the 24 department. A removal or alteration of this rebuilt 25 identification is a violation of section 321.92. The 26 repair affidavit, permit, and salvage theft 27 examination certificate shall be on controlled forms 28 prescribed and furnished by the department. The owner 29 shall pay a fee of fifty dollars upon completion of 30 the examination. The agency performing the 31 examinations shall retain forty dollars of the fee and 32 shall pay five dollars of the fee to the department 33 and five dollars of the fee to the Iowa law 34 enforcement academy to provide for the special 35 training, certification, and recertification of 36 officers as required by this subsection. The provision of this subsection requiring a 37 38 salvage theft examination by a peace officer specially 39 certified or recertified by the Iowa law enforcement 40 academy to do salvage theft examinations shall become 41 effective July 1, 1989. Salvage theft examinations 42 conducted before July 1, 1989, shall be made by peace 43 officers authorized to do so by the state department 44 of transportation or the department of public safety 45 who are gualified, as determined by those agencies, to 46 conduct salvage theft examinations. The state 47 department of transportation shall adopt rules in 48 accordance with chapter 17A to carry out this section, 49 including transition rules allowing for salvage theft 50 examinations prior to July 1, 1989.

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Sec. 6. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: d. For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or salvage vehicle" means a damaged vehicle <u>subject to</u> <u>registration and having a gross vehicle weight rating</u> of less than thirty thousand pounds, for which the rost of repair exceeds fifty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle, as determined in <u>accordance with rules adopted by the department</u>, before it became damaged.

11 Sec. 7. Section 321.92, Code 1987, is amended to 12 read as follows:

13 321.92 ALTERING OR CHANGING NUMBERS.

14 1. FRAUDULENT INTENT. No person shall with 15 fraudulent intent, deface, destroy, or alter the 16 vehicle identification number or component part number 17 or other distinguishing number or identification mark 18 of a vehicle or component part, including a rebuilt 19 identification, nor shall any a person place or stamp 20 any a serial, engine, or other number or mark upon a 21 vehicle or component part, except one assigned thereto 22 by the department. Any A violation of this provision 23 is a felony punishable as provided in section 321.483.

This subsection shall does not prohibit the restoration of an original vehicle identification number, component part number, or other number or mark when such the restoration is made by the department, nor prevent any a manufacturer from placing, in the ordinary course of business, numbers or marks upon ovehicles or component parts.

2. VEHICLES WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. Any A 32 person who knowingly buys, receives, disposes of, 33 sells, offers for sale, or has in the person's 34 possession any a vehicle, or any a component part of a 35 vehicle, from which the vehicle identification number, 36 rebuilt identification, or component part number has 37 been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed 38 for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the 39 identity of the vehicle or component part is guilty of 40 a simple misdemeanor."

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BY JOE WELSH



SENATE 4 MARCH 11, 1988

SENATE FILE 2285

S-5297

1 Amend Senate File 2285 as follows: 2 By striking everything after the enacting 1. 3 clause and inserting the following: "Section 1. Section 321.23, subsection 1, Code 4 5 1987, is amended to read as follows: If the vehicle to be registered is a specially 6 1. 7 constructed, reconstructed, remanufactured or foreign 8 vehicle, such fact shall be stated in the application. 9 A fee of ten dollars shall be paid by the person 10 making the application upon issuance of a certificate ll of title by the county treasurer. If the vehicle is a 12 foreign vehicle which has been registered outside of 13 this state, the county treasurer shall indicate on the 14' certificate of title the name of the state or country 15 in which the vehicle was last registered prior to 16 being registered in this state and the county 17 treasurer shall continue to indicate the name of such 18 state or country on all subsequent certificates of 19 title issued for the vehicle. With reference to every 20 specially constructed or reconstructed motor vehicle 21 subject to registration the application shall be 22 accompanied by a statement from the department 23 authorizing the motor vehicle to be titled and 24 registered in this state. The department shall cause 25 a physical inspection to be made of all specially 26 constructed or reconstructed motor vehicles, upon 27 application for a certificate of title by the owner, 28 to determine whether the motor vehicle is in a safe 29 operating condition and that the integral component 30 parts are properly identified and that the rightful 31 ownership is established before issuing the owner the 32 authority to have the motor vehicle registered and 33 titled. With reference to every foreign vehicle which 34 has been registered outside of this state the owner 35 shall surrender to the treasurer all registration 36 plates, registration cards, and certificates of title, 37 or, if the vehicle to be registered is from a nontitle 38 state, the evidence of foreign registration and 39 ownership as may be prescribed by the department 40 except as provided in subsection 2. 41 Sec. 2. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, 42 Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: The certificate of title shall contain upon its 43 44 face the identical information required upon the face 45 of the registration receipt. In addition, the 46 certificate of title shall contain a statement of the 47 owner's title, the amount of tax paid pursuant to 48 section 423.7, the name and address of the previous 49 owner, and a statement of all security interests and 50 encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the





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1 vehicle described including the nature of the security 2 interest, date of notation, and name and address of 3 the secured party. If the vehicle has been previously 4 registered outside of this state, the certificate of 5 title shall contain the name of the last such state or 6 country in which the vehicle was registered. The 7 certificate shall bear the seal of the county 8 treasurer or of the department, and the signature of 9 the county treasurer, the deputy county treasurer, or 10 the department director or deputy designee. The 11 certificate shall provide space for the signature of 12 the owner. The owner shall sign the certificate of 13 title in the space provided with pen and ink upon its The certificate of title shall contain upon 14 receipt. 15 the reverse side a form for assignment of title or 16 interest and warranty by the owner, for reassignments 17 by a licensed dealer, and for application for a new 18 certificate of title by the transferee as provided in 19 this chapter. However, titles for mobile homes shall 20 not be reassigned by licensed dealers. All 21 certificates of title shall be typewritten or printed 22 by other mechanical means. 23 Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended to Sec. 3. 24 read as follows: MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODOMETER LAW 25 307.37 26 ENFORCEMENT. 27 The department shall investigate and prosecute 28 violators of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud 29 including, but not limited to, the state and federal 30 odometer law. The department shall refer available 31 evidence concerning a possible violation of the laws 32 concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not 33 limited to, section 321.71 or the federal odometer law 34 or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or the 35 federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The 36 attorney general, with or without the referral, may 37 institute appropriate criminal proceedings or may 38 direct the case to the appropriate county attorney to 39 institute appropriate criminal proceedings. The 40 attorney general may use those funds available to the 41 department for this purpose and law enforcement 42 agencies may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in 43 the enforcement of the-state-and-federal-odometer 44 those laws, rules, or orders with the approval of the 45 attorney general and concurrence by the department. 46 Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, Code 1987, 47 is amended to read as follows: 48 4. a. A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle 49 dealer licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of

50 a wrecked or salvage vehicle, shall surrender the

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1 certificate of title and registration receipt or 2 manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin 3 properly assigned, together with an application for a 4 salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer 5 of the county of residence of the purchaser or 6 transferee within fourteen days after the date of 7 assignment of the certificate of title for the wrecked 8 or salvage motor vehicle. This subsection applies 9 only to vehicles with a fair market value of five 10 hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 11 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a 12 fee of two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a 13 salvage certificate of title which shall bear the word 14 "SALVAGE" stamped on the face of the title in bold 15 letters and coded in a manner prescribed by the 16 department. A salvage certificate of title may be 17 assigned to any person.

18 b. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this 19 section a vehicle on which ownership has transferred 20 to an insurer of the vehicle, as a result of a 21 settlement with the owner of the vehicle arising out 22 of damage to, or unrecovered theft of the vehicle, 23 shall be deemed to be a wrecked or salvage vehicle and 24 the insurer shall comply with this subsection to 25 obtain a salvage certificate of title within fourteen 26 days after the date of assignment of the certificate 27 of title of the vehicle. The insurer shall not 28 transfer title of the vehicle except to an authorized 29 vehicle recycler licensed under chapter 321H, an 30 authorized vehicle recycler licensed in another state, 31 or the owner from whom the vehicle was transferred to 32 the insured.~

33 c. When a wrecked or salvage vehicle has been 34 repaired or rebuilt, that person shall make 35 application for a certificate of title to the county 36 treasurer of the county of residence of the owner, $< \mathscr{A}$ 37 shall surrender the salvage certificate of title 38 issued for the vehicle and a properly executed salvage 39 theft examination certificate. A-verification 40 Verification of the vehicle identification number of 41 the vehicle and the salvage theft examination 42 certificate, and a review of the vehicle's replaced or 43 repaired component parts shall be made by a peace 44 officer of the state department of transportation, the 45 department of public safety, county sheriff or police 46 department of cities with a population exceeding five 47 thousand persons, or a person designated by the 48 director of public safety or the director of 49 transportation. The person making application for the 50 certificate of title shall provide a photograph of the



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1 vehicle showing its damaged condition prior to its 2 repair or rebuilding to aid in the review of the 3 vehicle's replaced or repaired component parts. The 4 applicant shall also provide a list of the component 5 parts of the vehicle which were replaced or repaired 6 and shall provide documentation of replaced parts 7 showing where they were obtained and, if a replacement 8 part is used, the applicant shall provide the vehicle 9 identification number of the vehicle from which the 10 replacement part originated. If an applicant fails to 11 provide the photograph, list, or necessary 12 documentation, the vehicle shall be deemed to be a 13 rebuilt motor vehicle. A salvage theft examination shall be made by a 14 15 peace officer who has been specially trained. 16 certified, and recertified when required, by the Iowa 17 law enforcement academy to do salvage theft 18 examinations. The owner of the salvage vehicle shall 19 make the vehicle available for examination at a time 20 and location designated by the peace officer doing the 21 examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive 22 the vehicle to and from the examination location by 23 submitting a repair affidavit to the agency performing 24 the examination stating that the vehicle is reasonably 25 safe for operation and listing the repairs which have 26 been made to the vehicle. The owner must be present 27 for the examination and have available for inspection 28 the salvage title, bills of sale for all essential 29 parts changed, and the repair affidavit. The 30 examination shall be for the purposes of determining 31 whether the vehicle or repair components have been 32 stolen. The examination is not a safety inspection 33 and a signed salvage theft examination certificate 34 shall not be construed by any court of law to be a 35 certification that the vehicle is safe to be operated. 36 There shall be no cause of action against the peace 37 officer or the agency conducting the examination or 38 the county treasurer for failure to discover or note 39 safety defects. The repair affidavit, permit, and 40 salvage theft examination certificate shall be on 41 controlled forms prescribed and furnished by the 42 department. The owner shall pay a fee of fifty 43 dollars upon completion of the examination. The 44 agency performing the examinations shall retain forcy 45 dollars of the fee and shall pay five dollars of the 46 fee to the department and five dollars of the fee to 47 the Iowa law enforcement academy to provide for the 48 special training, certification, and recertification 49 of officers as required by this subsection. 50 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The verification, salvage theit SENATE 8 MARCH 11, 1988

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1 examination, and review of replaced and repaired 2 component parts shall be made on forms provided by the 3 department and signed by the peace officer or the 4 appropriately designated person and the verification, 5 salvage theft examination, and component parts review 6 form shall be surrendered by the owner to the county 7 treasurer at the time application is made for a 8 certificate of title. Upon payment of the appropriate 9 fees and surrender of the appropriate documents the 10 county treasurer shall issue a certificate of title to 11 the person making application. If the component parts 12 review indicates that the motor vehicle is a rebuilt 13 motor vehicle, the certificate of title and each 14 subsequently issued certificate of title for the 15 vehicle shall bear the word "REBUILT" stamped on the 16 face of the title in bold letters. 17 For purposes of this lettered paragraph, "rebuilt 18 motor vehicle" means a wrecked or salvage vehicle 19 which has been repaired or rebuilt by means of 20 repairing or replacing two or more of the vehicle's 21 major component parts, and a "major component part" 22 means the rear clip, cowl, frame, body, cab, front end 23 assembly, or front clip, as those terms are defined by 24 rules adopted by the department. 25 The component parts review provisions of this 26 lettered paragraph do not apply to vehicles being 27 registered under section 321.115 and the certificate 28 of title issued to such vehicles shall not bear the 29 word "REBUILT" stamped on the face of the title. d. For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or 30 31 salvage vehicle" means a damaged vehicle for which the 32 cost of repair exceeds fifty percent of the fair 33 market value of the vehicle before it became damaged. Sec. 5. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, 34 35 Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: Except for educational institutions, people 36 37 licensed-as-new-or-used-vehicle-dealers-under-chapter 38 3227 people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people 39 engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of 40 bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for 41 sale as scrap metal or a person licensed under the 42 provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle 43 recycler, a person in this state shall not engage in 44 the business of: 45 Sec. 6. The state department of transportation 46 shall adopt rules which allow authorized vehicle 47 recyclers, as defined in chapter 321H, to meet the 48 definition of transporter, as defined in chapter 321, 49 so that transporter plates may be issued for 50 authorized vehicle recyclers.



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Sec. 7. Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect July 1 following its enactment. Section 4 of this Act takes effect January 1 following this Act's enactment. However, the state department of transportation shall adopt rules as required for implementation of section 4 of this Act prior to January 1 following this Act's enactment."

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Filed March 10, 1988 OUT OF ORDER BY JOHN JENSEN

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SENATE FILE 2285

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1 Amend Senate File 2285 as follows: 2 1. By striking everything after the enacting 3 clause and inserting the following: 4 "Section 1. Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended 5 to read as follows: 6 307.37 MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODOMETER LAW 7 ENFORCEMENT. 8 The department shall investigate and prosecute 9 violators of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud 10 including, but not limited to, the state and federal 11 odometer law. The department shall refer available 12 evidence concerning a possible violation of the laws 13 concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not 14 limited to, section 321.71 or the federal odometer law 15 or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or the 16 federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The 17 attorney general, with or without the referral, may 18 institute appropriate criminal proceedings or may 19 direct the case to the appropriate county attorney to 20 institute appropriate criminal proceedings. The 21 attorney general may use those funds available to the 22 department of justice for this purpose and law 23 enforcement agencies may be reimbursed for expenses 24 incurred in the enforcement of the-state-and-federal 25 odometer those laws, rules, or orders with the 26 approval of the attorney general and-concurrence-by 27 the-department. 28 Section 312.2, subsection 15, Code Sec. 2. 29 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: 30 15. The treasurer of state, before making the 31 allotments provided for in this section, shall credit 32 annually to the state department of transportation justice from the road use tax fund an amount equal to 33

34 twenty-five cents on each title issuance for motor 35 vehicle fraud law enforcement and prosecution purposes 36 including, but not limited to, the enforcement of 37 state and federal odometer law-enforcement-purposes 38 laws. This-subsection-is-effective-for-the-fiscal 39 period-beginning-July-17-1984-and-ending-June-307 40 1989-

41 Sec. 3. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, 42 Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: 43 The certificate of title scale contain upon its 44 face the identical information required upon the face 45 of the registration receipt. It addition, the 46 certificate of title shall contain a statement of the 47 owner's title, the amount of tax paid pursuant to 48 section 423.7, the name and address of the previous 49 owner, and a statement of all security interests and 50 encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the SENATE 3

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1 vehicle described, including the nature of the 2 security interest, date of notation, and name and 3 address of the secured party. If the prior 4 certificate of title was a salvage, rebuilt, or 5 junking certificate of title in any other state, or if 6 the prior certificate of title in any other state 7 indicates that the vehicle was salvaged, rebuilt, or 8 junked, the new certificate of title shall contain the 9 same information together with the name of the state 10 issuing the prior salvage, rebuilt, or junking 1] certificate of title and a salvage, rebuilt, or 12 junking designation together with the name of the 13 state issuing the prior salvage, rebuilt, or junking 14 certificate of title shall be retained on all 15 subsequent Iowa certificates of title for the vehicle, 16 except as provided in section 321.52. In the event a 17 vehicle which previously had a salvage certificate of 18 title from another state is repaired and a regular 19 certificate of title is to be issued for it pursuant 20 to section 321.52 without the designation rebuilt, the 21 regular certificate of title shall indicate the state 22 which had issued the prior salvage certificate of 23 title in the same location in which Iowa certificates 24 of title show the designation salvage or rebuilt, in 25 addition to the name and address of the previous 26 owner, in lieu of the salvage designation. The name 27 of the state which had issued the prior salvage 28 certificate of title shall remain in that location on 29 every Iowa certificate of title issued thereafter for 30 the vehicle. The department shall adopt rules to 31 determine how other states' designations are to be 32 indicated on Lowa titles. The certificate shall bear 33 the seal of the county treasurer or of the department, 34 and the signature of the county treasurer, the deputy 35 county treasurer, or the department director or deputy 36 designee. The certificate shall provide space for the 37 signature of the owner. The owner shall sign the 38 certificate of title in the space provided with pen 39 and ink upon its receipt. The certificate of title 40 shall contain upon the reverse side a form for 41 assignment of title or interest and warranty by the 42 owner, for reassignments by a licensed dealer, and for 43 application for a new certificate of title by the 44 transferee as provided in this chapter. However, 45 titles for mobile homes shall not be reassigned by 46 licensed dealers. All certificates of title shall be 47 typewritten or printed by other mechanical means. 48 Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered 49 paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: 50 a. A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer

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1 licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a 2 wrecked or salvage vehicle, shall surrender the 3 certificate of title and registration receipt or 4 manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin 5 properly assigned, together with an application for a 6 salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer 7 of the county of residence of the purchaser or 8 transferee within fourteen days after the date of 9 assignment of the certificate of title for the wrecked 10 or salvage motor vehicle. This subsection applies 11 only to vehicles with a fair market value of five. 12 hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 13 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a 14 fee of two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a 15 salvage certificate of title which shall bear the word 16 "SALVAGE" stamped or printed on the face of the title 17 in-bold-letters-and-coded in a manner prescribed by 18 the department. A salvage certificate of title may be 19 assigned to any person. Notwithstanding-any-other 20 provisions-in-this-section-a A vehicle on which 21 ownership has transferred to an insurer of the 22 vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of 23 the vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered 24 theft of the vehicle, shall be deemed to be a wrecked 25 or salvage vehicle and the insurer shall comply with 26 this subsection to obtain a salvage certificate of 27 title within fourteen days after the date of 28 assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle. 29 However, a vehicle that has major damage to four or 30 more component parts as defined in paragraph "b" shall 31 receive a junking certificate of title and shall not 32 thereafter be granted a regular certificate of title. 33 Sec. 5. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered 34 paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended by striking the 35 unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the 36 following lettered paragraphs, and lettering the 37 existing paragraphs of the subsection: 38 When a wrecked or salvaged vehicle has been b. 39 repaired, the owner may apply for a regular 40 certificate of title by paying the appropriate fees 41 and surrendering the salvage certificate of title and 42 a properly executed salvage theft examination 43 certificate. The county treasurer shall issue a 44 regular certificate of title which, commencing 45 September 1, 1988, if the wrecked or salvaged vehicle 46 is five model years old or less, shall bear the word 47 "REBUILT" stamped or printed on the face of the title. 48 The rebuilt designation shall be included on every 49 Iowa certificate of title issued thereafter for the 0 vehicle. However, if ownership of a stolen vehicle

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1 has been transferred to an insurer organized under the 2 laws of this state or admitted to do business in this 3 state, or if the transfer was the result of a 4 settlement with the owner of the vehicle arising from 5 damage to or the unrecovered theft of the vehicle, and 6 if the insurer certifies to the county treasurer on a 7 form approved by the department that the cost of 8 repairs to all damage to the vehicle is less than 9 three thousand dollars, the county treasurer shall 10 issue the regular certificate of title without the ll rebuilt designation. The county treasurer shall issue 12 a regular certificate of title without the "REBUILT" 13 designation if, before repairs are made, a component 14 parts review has been conducted by a peace officer 15 authorized to do so by the state department of 16 transportation showing that the vehicle does not have 17 component part damage. The component parts review 18 shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by 19 the department. For the purpose of this section, a 20 wrecked or salvaged vehicle shall be considered to 21 have component part damage if there is major damage 22 requiring repairs or replacement of more than two of 23 the vehicle's component parts. A "component part" ***** means the rear clip, cowl, frame, or inner structure 25 forward of the cowl, body, cab, front end assembly, 26 front clip, or such other parts which are critical to 27 the safety of the vehicle as determined by rules 28 adopted by the department. The owner shall pay a fee 29 of thirty-five dollars upon the completion of the 30 prerepair component parts review. The peace officer 31 conducting the review shall maintain a record of the 32 review and shall forward a copy of the review to the 33 department. The department shall maintain a record of 34 all reviews. If a vehicle does not have component 35 damage as determined in this subsection, the officer 36 conducting the review shall issue a certificate to the 37 owner to that effect. The certificate shall be 38 surrendered to the county treasurer at the time of 39 application for a regular certificate of title and the 40 treasurer shall forward the certificate to the 41 department. 42 A salvage theft examination shall be made by a c. 43 peace officer who has been specially certified and

44 recertified when required by the Iowa law enforcement 45 academy to do salvage theft examinations. The Iowa 46 law enforcement academy shall determine standards for 47 training and certification, conduct training, and may 48 approve alternative training programs which satisfy 49 the academy's standards for training and 50 certification. The owner of the salvage vehicle shall MARCH 23, 1988

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1 make the vehicle available for examination at a time 2 and location designated by the peace officer doing the 3 examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive 4 the vehicle to and from the examination location by 5 submitting a repair affidavit to the agency performing 6 the examination stating that the vehicle is reasonably 7 safe for operation and listing the repairs which have 8 been made to the vehicle. The owner must be present 9 for the examination and have available for inspection 10 the salvage title, bills of sale for all essential 11 parts changed, and the repair affidavit. The 12 examination shall be for the purposes of determining 13 whether the vehicle or repair components have been 14 stolen. The examination is not a safety inspection 15 and a signed salvage theft examination certificate 16 shall not be construed by any court of law to be a 17 certification that the vehicle is safe to be operated. 18 There shall be no cause of action against the peace 19 officer or the agency conducting the examination or 20 the county treasurer for failure to discover or note 21 safety defects. If the vehicle passes the theft 22 examination, the peace officer shall indicate that the 23 vehicle passed examination on the salvage theft 24 examination certificate and, with regard to a vehicle 25 which is required to bear the word "REBUILT" stamped 26 or printed on the face of the title, shall permanently 27 identify the vehicle as "rebuilt" on the driver's door 28 jamb or other area on the vehicle as designated by the 29 department. A removal or alteration of this rebuilt 30 identification is a violation of section 321.92. The 31 repair affidavit, permit, and salvage theft 32 examination certificate shall be on controlled forms 33 prescribed and furnished by the department. The owner 34 shall pay a fee of thirty dollars upon completion of 35 the examination. The agency performing the 36 examinations shall retain twenty dollars of the fee 37 and shall pay five dollars of the fee to the 38 department and five dollars of the fee to the Iowa law 39 enforcement academy to provide for the special 40 training, certification, and recertification of 41 officers as required by this subsection. 42 The provision of this subsection requiring a 43 salvage theft examination by a peace officer specially 44 certified or recertified by the Iowa law enforcement 45 academy to do salvage theft examinations shall become 46 effective July 1, 1989. Salvage theft examinations 47 conducted before July 1, 1989, shall be made by peace 48 officers authorized to do so by the state department 49 of transportation or the department of public safety

0 who are qualified, as determined by those agencies, to

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1 conduct salvage theft examinations. The state 2 department of transportation shall adopt rules in 3 accordance with chapter 17A to carry out this section, 4 including transition rules allowing for salvage theft 5 examinations prior to July 1, 1989. Sec. 6. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered 6 7 paragraph 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: d. For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or 8 9 salvage vehicle" means a damaged vehicle subject to 10 registration and having a gross vehicle weight rating 11 of less than thirty thousand pounds, for which the 12 cost of repair exceeds fifty percent of the fair 13 market value of the vehicle, as determined in 14 accordance with rules adopted by the department, 15 before it became damaged. 16 Sec. 7. Section 321.92, Code 1987, is amended to 17 read as follows: 18 321.92 ALTERING OR CHANGING NUMBERS. 19 FRAUDULENT INTENT. No person shall with 1. 20 fraudulent intent, deface, destroy, or alter the 21 vehicle identification number or component part number 22 or other distinguishing number or identification mark 23 of a vehicle or component part, including a rebuilt 24 identification, nor shall any a person place or stamp 25 any a serial, engine, or other number or mark upon a 26 vehicle or component part, except one assigned thereto 27 by the department. Any A violation of this provision 28 is a felony punishable as provided in section 321.483. 29 This subsection shall does not prohibit the 30 restoration of an original vehicle identification 31 number, component part number, or other number or mark 32 when such the restoration is made by the department, 33 nor prevent any a manufacturer from placing, in the 34 ordinary course of business, numbers or marks upon 35 vehicles or component parts. VEHICLES WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. Any A 36 2. 37 person who knowingly buys, receives, disposes of, 38 sells, offers for sale, or has in the person's 39 possession any a vehicle, or any a component part of a 40 vehicle, from which the vehicle identification number, 41 rebuilt identification, or component part number has 42 been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed 43 for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the 44 identity of the vehicle or component part is guilty of 45 a simple misdemeanor. 46 Sec. 8. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, 47 Code 1987, is amended to read as follows: Except for educational institutions, people 48 49 licensed as new or-used vehicle dealers under chapter 50 322, people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people

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engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of 2 bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for 3 sale as scrap metal or a person licensed under the 4 provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle 5 recycler, a person in this state shall not engage in 6 the business of: 7 Sec. 9. The state department of transportation 8 shall adopt rules which allow authorized vehicle 9 recyclers, as defined in chapter 321H, to meet the 10 definition of transporter, as defined in chapter 321, 11 so that transporter plates may be issued for 12 authorized vehicle recyclers."

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SENATE FILE 2285

S-5516

- 1 Amend amendment S-5502 to Senate File 2285 as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 4, line 24 by striking the word "frame," 4 and inserting the following: "frame".

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SENATE FILE 2285

BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

S.F. 228

(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 21, 1988) ALL New Language by the Senate

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Passed Senate, Date $\frac{3/21/48}{2/21/48}(p.960)$ Passed House, Date $\frac{3/20/38}{200}(p.1125)$ Vote: Ayes <u>42</u> Nays <u>0</u> Vote: Ayes <u>94</u> Nays <u>0</u> Approved <u>Open 15, 1958 (p.1655)</u>

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the enforcement of laws concerning motor vehicle fraud, salvage, and theft, certificates of title, and 2 3 transfer of ownership of foreign, wrecked, and salvage vehicles and making penalties applicable and providing 4 effective dates. 5 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23



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1 Section 1. Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended to read 2 as follows:

307.37 MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODOMETER LAW ENFORCEMENT. 3 The department shall investigate and prosecute violators of 4 5 the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not 6 limited to, the state and federal odometer law. The 7 department shall refer available evidence concerning a 8 possible violation of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud 9 including, but not limited to, section 321.71 or the federal 10 odometer law or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or 11 the federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The 12 attorney general, with or without the referral, may institute 13 appropriate criminal proceedings or may direct the case to the 14 appropriate county attorney to institute appropriate criminal 15 proceedings. The attorney general may use those funds 16 available to the department of justice for this purpose and 17 law enforcement agencies may be reimbursed for expenses 18 incurred in the enforcement of the-state-and-federal-odometer 19 those laws, rules, or orders with the approval of the attorney 20 general and-concurrence-by-the-department. Sec. 2. Section 312.2, subsection 15, Code Supplement 21 22 1987, is amended to read as follows:

23 15. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments 24 provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the 25 state department of transportation justice from the road use 26 tax fund an amount equal to twenty-five cents on each title 27 issuance for motor vehicle fraud law enforcement and 28 prosecution purposes including, but not limited to, the 29 enforcement of state and federal odometer law-enforcement 30 purposes laws. This-subsection-is-effective-for-the-fiscal 31 period-beginning-July-17-1984-and-ending-June-307-1989-32 Sec. 3. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 33 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows: The certificate of title shall contain upon its face the 34 35 identical information required upon the face of the

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l registration receipt. In addition, the certificate of title 2 shall contain a statement of the owner's title, the amount of 3 tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, the name and address of 4 the previous owner, and a statement of all security interests 5 and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle 6 described, including the nature of the security interest, date 7 of notation, and name and address of the secured party. Ιf 8 the prior certificate of title was a salvage, rebuilt, or 9 junking certificate of title in any other state, or if the 10 prior certificate of title in any other state indicates that 11 the vehicle was salvaged, rebuilt, or junked, the new 12 certificate of title shall contain the same information 13 together with the name of the state issuing the prior salvage, 14 rebuilt, or junking certificate of title and a salvage, 15 rebuilt, or junking designation together with the name of the 16 state issuing the prior salvage, rebuilt, or junking 17 certificate of title shall be retained on all subsequent Iowa 18 certificates of title for the vehicle, except as provided in 19 section 321.52. In the event a vehicle which previously had a 20 salvage certificate of title from another state is repaired 21 and a regular certificate of title is to be issued for it 22 pursuant to section 321.52 without the designation rebuilt, 23 the regular certificate of title shall indicate the state 24 which had issued the prior salvage certificate of title in the 25 same location in which Iowa certificates of title show the 26 designation salvage or rebuilt, in addition to the name and 27 address of the previous owner, in lieu of the salvage 28 designation. The name of the state which had issued the prior 29 salvage certificate of title shall remain in that location on 30 every Iowa certificate of title issued thereafter for the 31 vehicle. The department shall adopt rules to determine how 32 other states' designations are to be indicated on Iowa titles. 33 The certificate shall bear the seal of the county treasurer or 34 of the department, and the signature of the county treasurer, 35 the deputy county treasurer, or the department director or





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1 deputy designee. The certificate shall provide space for the 2 signature of the owner. The owner shall sign the certificate 3 of title in the space provided with pen and ink upon its 4 receipt. The certificate of title shall contain upon the 5 reverse side a form for assignment of title or interest and 6 warranty by the owner, for reassignments by a licensed dealer, 7 and for application for a new certificate of title by the 8 transferee as provided in this chapter. However, titles for 9 mobile homes shall not be reassigned by licensed dealers. All 10 certificates of title shall be typewritten or printed by other 11 mechanical means.

12 Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 13 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

14 a. A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer licensed 15 under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a wrecked or salvage 16 vehicle, shall surrender the certificate of title and 17 registration receipt or manufacturer's or importer's statement, 18 of origin properly assigned, together with an application for 19 a salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer of the 20 county of residence of the purchaser or transferee within 21 fourteen days after the date of assignment of the certificate 22 of title for the wrecked or salvage motor vehicle. This 23 subsection applies only to vehicles with a fair market value 24 of five bundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 25 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a fee of 26 two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a salvage 27 certificate of title which shall bear the word "SALVAGE" 28 stamped or printed on the face of the title in-bold-letters 29 and-coded in a manner prescribed by the department. A salvage 30 certificate of title may be assigned to any person. 31 Notwithstanding-any-other-provisions-in-this-section-a A 32 vehicle on which ownership has transferred to an insurer of 33 the vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of the 34 vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered theft of the 35 vehicle, shall be deemed to be a wrecked or salvage vehicle

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1 and the insurer shall comply with this subsection to obtain a
2 salvage certificate of title within fourteen days after the
3 date of assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle.
4 However, a vehicle that has major damage to four or more
5 component parts as defined in paragraph "b" shall receive a
6 junking certificate of title and shall not thereafter be
7 granted a regular certificate of title.

8 Sec. 5. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 9 2, Code 1987, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph 10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following lettered 11 paragraphs, and lettering the existing paragraphs of the 12 subsection:

13 b. When a wrecked or salvaged vehicle has been repaired, 14 the owner may apply for a regular certificate of title by 15 paying the appropriate fees and surrendering the salvage 16 certificate of title and a properly executed salvage theft 17 examination certificate. The county treasurer shall issue a 18 regular certificate of title which, commencing September 1, 19 1988, if the wrecked or salvaged vehicle is five model years 20 old or less, shall bear the word "REBUILT" stamped or printed 21 on the face of the title. The rebuilt designation shall be 22 included on every Iowa certificate of title issued thereafter 23 for the vehicle. However, if ownership of a stolen vehicle 24 has been transferred to an insurer organized under the laws of 25 this state or admitted to do business in this state, or if the 26 transfer was the result of a settlement with the owner of the 27 vehicle arising from damage to or the unrecovered theft of the 28 vehicle, and if the insurer certifies to the county treasurer 29 on a form approved by the department that the cost of repairs 30 to all damage to the vehicle is less than three thousand 31 dollars, the county treasurer shall issue the regular 32 certificate of title without the rebuilt designation. The 33 county treasurer shall issue a regular certificate of title 34 without the "REBUILT" designation if, before repairs are made, 35 a component parts review has been conducted by a peace officer



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1 authorized to do so by the state department of transportation 2 showing that the vehicle does not have component part damage. 3 The component parts review shall be conducted in accordance 4 with rules adopted by the department. For the purpose of this 5 section, a wrecked or salvaged vehicle shall be considered to 6 have component part damage if there is major damage requiring 7 repairs or replacement of more than two of the vehicle's 8 component parts. A "component part" means the rear clip, 9 cowl, frame or inner structure forward of the cowl, body, cab, 10 front end assembly, front clip, or such other parts which are ll critical to the safety of the vehicle as determined by rules 12 adopted by the department. The owner shall pay a fee of 13 thirty-five dollars upon the completion of the prerepair 14 component parts review. The peace officer conducting the 15 review shall maintain a record of the review and shall forward 16 a copy of the review to the department. The department shall 17 maintain a record of all reviews. If a vehicle does not have 18 component damage as determined in this subsection, the officer 19 conducting the review shall issue a certificate to the owner 20 to that effect. The certificate shall be surrendered to the 21 county treasurer at the time of application for a regular 22 certificate of title and the treasurer shall forward the 23 certificate to the department.

c. A salvage theft examination shall be made by a peace officer who has been specially certified and recertified when required by the Iowa law enforcement academy to do salvage theft examinations. The Iowa law enforcement academy shall determine standards for training and certification, conduct training, and may approve alternative training programs which satisfy the academy's standards for training and certification. The owner of the salvage vehicle shall make the vehicle available for examination at a time and location designated by the peace officer doing the examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive the vehicle to and from the samination location by submitting a repair affidavit to the

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1 agency performing the examination stating that the vehicle is 2 reasonably safe for operation and listing the repairs which 3 have been made to the vehicle. The owner must be present for 4 the examination and have available for inspection the salvage 5 title, bills of sale for all essential parts changed, and the 6 repair affidavit. The examination shall be for the purposes 7 of determining whether the vehicle or repair components have 8 been stolen. The examination is not a safety inspection and a 9 signed salvage theft examination certificate shall not be 10 construed by any court of law to be a certification that the ll vehicle is safe to be operated. There shall be no cause of 12 action against the peace officer or the agency conducting the 13 examination or the county treasurer for failure to discover or 14 note safety defects. If the vehicle passes the theft 15 examination, the peace officer shall indicate that the vehicle 16 passed examination on the salvage theft examination 17 certificate and, with regard to a vehicle which is required to 18 bear the word "REBUILT" stamped or printed on the face of the 19 title, shall permanently identify the vehicle as "rebuilt" on 20 the driver's door jamb or other area on the vehicle as 21 designated by the department. A removal or alteration of this 22 rebuilt identification is a violation of section 321.92. The 23 repair affidavit, permit, and salvage theft examination 24 certificate shall be on controlled forms prescribed and 25 furnished by the department. The owner shall pay a fee of 26 thirty dollars upon completion of the examination. The agency 27 performing the examinations shall retain twenty dollars of the 28 fee and shall pay five dollars of the fee to the department 29 and five dollars of the fee to the Iowa law enforcement 30 academy to provide for the special training, certification, 31 and recertification of officers as required by this 32 subsection.

33 The provision of this subsection requiring a salvage theft 34 examination by a peace officer specially certified or 35 recertified by the Iowa law enforcement academy to do salvage



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1 theft examinations shall become effective July 1, 1989. 2 Salvage theft examinations conducted before July 1, 1989, 3 shall be made by peace officers authorized to do so by the 4 state department of transportation or the department of public 5 safety who are qualified, as determined by those agencies, to 6 conduct salvage theft examinations. The state department of 7 transportation shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 8 17A to carry out this section, including transition rules 9 allowing for salvage theft examinations prior to July 1, 1989. 10 Sec. 6. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 11 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

12 <u>d.</u> For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or salvage 13 vehicle" means a damaged vehicle <u>subject to registration and</u> 14 <u>having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than thirty</u> 15 <u>thousand pounds</u>, for which the cost of repair exceeds fifty 16 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle, as determined 17 <u>in accordance with rules adopted by the department</u>, before it 18 became damaged.

19 Sec. 7. Section 321.92, Code 1987, is amended to read as 20 follows:

21 321.92 ALTERING OR CHANGING NUMBERS.

1. FRAUDULENT INTENT. No person shall with fraudulent intent, deface, destroy, or alter the vehicle identification number or component part number or other distinguishing number or identification mark of a vehicle or component part, including a rebuilt identification, nor shall any a person place or stamp any a serial, engine, or other number or mark upon a vehicle or component part, except one assigned thereto by the department. Any A violation of this provision is a felony punishable as provided in section 321.483.

This subsection shall does not prohibit the restoration of an original vehicle identification number, component part an number, or other number or mark when such the restoration is at made by the department, nor prevent any a manufacturer from placing, in the ordinary course of business, numbers or marks

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l upon vehicles or component parts.

2. VEHICLES WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. Any A person
3 who knowingly buys, receives, disposes of, sells, offers for
4 sale, or has in the person's possession any <u>a</u> vehicle, or any
5 <u>a</u> component part of a vehicle, from which the vehicle
6 identification number, rebuilt identification, or component
7 part number has been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or
8 destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the
9 identity of the vehicle or component part is guilty of a

11 Sec. 8. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, 12 is amended to read as follows:

Except for educational institutions, people licensed as new or-used vehicle dealers under chapter 322, people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for sale as scrap metal or a person licensed under the provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle precycler, a person in this state shall not engage in the business of:

Sec. 9. The state department of transportation shall adopt rules which allow authorized vehicle recyclers, as defined in chapter 321H, to meet the definition of transporter, as defined in chapter 321, so that transporter plates may be issued for authorized vehicle recyclers.

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certificates of title and transfer of

2 ownership of foreign, wrecked, and salvage vehicles and making

3 penalties applicable and providing effective dates.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.23, subsection 1, Code 1987, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 If the vehicle to be registered is a specially 1. 4 constructed, reconstructed, remanufactured or foreign vehicle, 5 such fact shall be stated in the application. A fee of ten 6 dollars shall be paid by the person making the application 7 upon issuance of a certificate of title by the county 8 treasurer. If the vehicle is a foreign vehicle which has been 9 registered outside of this state, the county treasurer shall 10 indicate on the certificate of title the name of the state or ll country in which the vehicle was last registered prior to 12 being registered in this state and the county treasurer shall 13 continue to indicate the name of such state or country on all 14 subsequent certificates of title issued for the vehicle. With 15 reference to every specially constructed or reconstructed 16 motor vehicle subject to registration the application shall be 17 accompanied by a statement from the department authorizing the 18 motor vehicle to be titled and registered in this state. The 19 department shall cause a physical inspection to be made of all 20 specially constructed or reconstructed motor vehicles, upon 21 application for a certificate of title by the owner, to 22 determine whether the motor vehicle is in a safe operating 23 condition and that the integral component parts are properly 24 identified and that the rightful ownership is established 25 before issuing the owner the authority to have the motor 26 vehicle registered and titled. With reference to every 27 foreign vehicle which has been registered outside of this 28 state the owner shall surrender to the treasurer all 29 registration plates, registration cards, and certificates of 30 title, or, if the vehicle to be registered is from a nontitle 31 state, the evidence of foreign registration and ownership as 32 may be prescribed by the department except as provided in 33 subsection 2.

34 Sec. 2. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 35 Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

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The certificate of title shall contain upon its face the 1 2 identical information required upon the face of the 3 registration receipt. In addition, the certificate of title 4 shall contain a statement of the owner's title, the amount of 5 tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, the name and address of 6 the previous owner, and a statement of all security interests 7 and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle 8 described including the nature of the security interest, date 9 of notation, and name and address of the secured party. If 10 the vehicle has been previously registered outside of this 11 state, the certificate of title shall contain the name of the 12 last such state or country in which the vehicle was 13 registered. The certificate shall bear the seal of the county 14 treasurer or of the department, and the signature of the 15 county treasurer, the deputy county treasurer, or the 16 department director or deputy designee. The certificate shall 17 provide space for the signature of the owner. The owner shall 18 sign the certificate of title in the space provided with pen 19 and ink upon its receipt. The certificate of title shall 20 contain upon the reverse side a form for assignment of title 21 or interest and warranty by the owner, for reassignments by a 22 licensed dealer, and for application for a new certificate of 23 title by the transferee as provided in this chapter. However, 24 titles for mobile homes shall not be reassigned by licensed 25 dealers. All certificates of title shall be typewritten or 26 printed by other mechanical means.

27 Sec. 3. Section 321.52, subsection 4, Code 1987, is 28 amended to read as follows:

4. <u>a.</u> A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer 30 licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a wrecked or 31 salvage vehicle, shall surrender the certificate of title and 32 registration receipt or manufacturer's or importer's statement 33 of origin properly assigned, together with an application for 34 a salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer of the 35 county of residence of the purchaser or transferee within

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1 fourteen days after the date of assignment of the certificate 2 of title for the wrecked or salvage motor vehicle. This 3 subsection applies only to vehicles with a fair market value 4 of five hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the 5 vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a fee of 6 two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a salvage 7 certificate of title which shall bear the word "SALVAGE" 8 stamped on the face of the title in bold letters and coded in 9 a manner prescribed by the department. A salvage certificate 10 of title may be assigned to any person.

b. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section a 11 12 vehicle on which ownership has transferred to an insurer of 13 the vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of the 14 vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered theft of the 15 vehicle, shall be deemed to be a wrecked or salvage vehicle 16 and the insurer shall comply with this subsection to obtain a 17 salvage certificate of title within fourteen days after the 18 date of assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle. 19 The insurer shall not transfer title of the vehicle except to 20 an authorized vehicle recycler licensed under chapter 321H, an 21 authorized vehicle recycler licensed in another state, or the 22 owner from whom the vehicle was transferred to the insured. 23 c. When a wrecked or salvage vehicle has been repaired or 24 rebuilt, that person shall make application for a certificate 25 of title to the county treasurer of the county of residence of 26 the owner, and shall surrender the salvage certificate of 27 title issued for the vehicle. A-verification Verification of 28 the vehicle identification number of the vehicle and an 29 assessment of the vehicle's replaced or repaired component 30 parts total point value in accordance with section 321.52A 31 shall be made by a peace officer of the state department of 32 transportation, the department of public safety, county 33 sheriff or police department of cities with a population 34 exceeding five thousand persons, or a person designated by the 35 director of public safety or the director of transportation.

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1 The person making application for the certificate of title
2 shall provide a photograph of the vehicle showing its damaged
3 condition prior to its repair or rebuilding to aid in the
4 assessment of the vehicle's replaced or repaired component
5 parts total point value. The applicant shall also provide a
6 list of the component parts of the vehicle which were replaced
7 or repaired and shall provide documentation of replaced parts
8 showing where they were obtained and, if a replacement part is
9 used, the applicant shall provide the vehicle identification
10 number of the vehicle from which the replacement part
11 originated. If an applicant fails to provide the photograph,
12 list, or necessary documentation, the vehicle shall be deemed
13 to have a replaced or repaired component parts total point
14 value of fifty points or more.

15 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. The verification and assessment shall 16 be made on forms provided by the department and signed by the 17 peace officer or the appropriately designated person and the 18 verification and assessment form shall be surrendered by the 19 owner to the county treasurer at the time application is made 20 for a certificate of title. Upon payment of the appropriate 21 fees and surrender of the appropriate documents the county 22 treasurer shall issue a certificate of title to the person 23 making application. If the vehicle's replaced or repaired 24 component parts total point value equals or exceeds fifty 25 points, the certificate of title and each subsequently issued 26 certificate of title for the vehicle shall bear the word 27 "REBUILT" stamped on the face of the title in bold letters. The assessment provisions of this lettered paragraph do not 28 29 apply to vehicles being registered under section 321.115 and 30 the certificate of title issued to such vehicles shall not 31 bear the word "REBUILT" stamped on the face of the title. d. For purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or salvage 32 33 vehicle" means a damaged vehicle for which the cost of repair 34 exceeds fifty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle 35 before it became damaged.

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Sec. 4. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 321.52A POINT SYSTEM FOR
 2 DETERMINING DESIGNATION OF REBUILT VEHICLES.

3 1. When a person makes application for a certificate of 4 title for a wrecked or salvage vehicle which has been repaired 5 or rebuilt, an assessment shall be made of the replaced or 6 repaired component parts total point value in accordance with 7 this section.

8 2. Except as point values are modified under subsection 5, 9 a frame type vehicle which is a motor truck registered for a 10 combined gross weight of three tons or less or an automobile 11 shall be assessed points for component parts which are 12 replaced or repaired as follows:

13	Component Part	Point Value
14	Windshield	l
15	Dash	2
16	Interior seats	2
17	Motor	4
18	Transmission	1
19	Rear end	l
20	Glass other than windshield	0
21	Front end assembly	25
22	Header	2
23	Grille	2
24	Front bumper	2
25	Fender assembly	5
26	Hood	5
27	Radiator support	2
28	Radiator	2
29	Air condenser	1
30	Cowl	15
31	Cowl side	10
32	Complete frame less suspension	10
33	Front 1/2 frame	7
34	Rear 1/2 frame	5
35	Side rail of frame	5

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	Repair frame Front suspension parts	5
2		1
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5	Upper control Spindle	1
	Center pillar door	5
	Rocker panel	5
	Rear clip with roof	25
	Roof	2
	Short rear clip	18
	Quarter panel	12
	Deck lid	2
	Tail light per side	1
	Rear bumper	2
	Tail gate	2
	Door (4-door vehicle)	10
	Door (2-door vehicle)	15
18		are modified under subsection 5
	a unit body vehicle which is a	
	combined gross weight of three	-
	shall be assessed points for co	
	replaced or repaired as follows	
	Component Part	Point Value
	Windshield	1
25	Dash	2
26	Interior seats	2
27	Motor	4
28	Transaxle	2
29	Glass other than windshield	0
30	Front end assembly (with cowl)	50
31	Front end assembly (cut forward	d
32	of cowl behind spring tower)) 30
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33	Front end assembly (cut forward	đ
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1	Front bumper	2		
2	Header or front panel	2		
3	Grille	2		
4	Air condenser	l		
5	Radiator	2		
6	Radiator support	3		
7	Hood	5		
8	Fender	3		
9	Upper fender support	2		
10	Lower frame side rail	4		
11	Front crossmember	2		
12	McPherson strut	1		
13	Upper control	1		
14	Lower control	1		
15	Spindle	l		
16	Cowl	20		
17	Cowl side	1		
18	1/2 Cowl	15		
19	Door (2-door vehicle)	10		
20	Door (4-door vehicle)	10		
21	Center pillar post door	5		
22	Rocker panel	5		
23	Center body pan	5		
24	Engine cradle	3		
25	Rear clip complete (includes			
26	roof, deck lid, tail lights,			
27	rear bumper)	25		
28	Short rear clip	20		
29	Quarter panel	12		
30	Rear trunk pan	3		
31	Deck lid	2		
32	Tail lights per side	1		
33	Rear bumper	1		
34	Roof	. 2		
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1 part point values for vehicles not included in subsections 2
2 and 3.

5. The department may adopt rules modifying the component 4 part point values for vehicles under subsections 2 and 3. The 5 department shall adopt the rules so that the point system 6 accurately reflects the value of the structural components of 7 the vehicle.

8 Sec. 5. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,9 is amended to read as follows:

Except for educational institutions, people-licensed-as-new or-used-vehicle-dealers-under-chapter-322, people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for sale as scrap metal or a person licensed bunder the provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle recycler, a person in this state shall not engage in the business of:

18 Sec. 6. The state department of transportation shall adopt 19 rules which allow authorized vehicle recyclers, as defined in 20 chapter 321H, to meet the definition of transporter, as 21 defined in chapter 321, so that transporter plates may be 22 issued for authorized vehicle recyclers.

23 Sec. 7. Sections 1, 2, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect 24 July 1 following its enactment. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act 25 take effect January 1 following its enactment. However, the 26 state department of transportation shall adopt rules as 27 required for implementation of sections 3 and 4 of this Act 28 prior to January 1 following this Act's enactment.

EXPLANATION

30 Sections 1 and 2 of this bill require certificates of 31 titles issued to foreign vehicles which have been registered 32 outside of this state to indicate the name of the state or 33 country in which the vehicle was last registered prior to 34 being registered in this state.

35 Section 3 limits insurance companies, which obtain a

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1 vehicle as the result of a settlement with the owner of the 2 vehicle arising out of damage to or unrecovered theft of the 3 vehicle, to being able to transfer the title of the vehicle to 4 only licensed vehicle recyclers or the owner from whom they 5 obtained the title of the vehicle.

6 Sections 3 and 4 require applicants for a certificate of 7 title for a repaired or rebuilt wrecked or salvage vehicle to 8 have an assessment of the replaced or repaired component parts 9 according to a point value system. Vehicles which are 10 assessed fifty or more points shall have certificates of title 11 issued with the word "REBUILT" in bold letters on the face of 12 the certificates. Sections 3 and 4 do not apply to any 13 vehicle with a fair market value of less than five hundred 14 dollars based on the value of the vehicle before it became 15 wrecked or salvage. Sections 3 and 4 also do not apply to 16 antiquated vehicles being specially registered under section 17 321.115.

18 Section 5 requires people licensed as new or used vehicle 19 dealers under chapter 322 to be licensed as authorized vehicle 20 recyclers under chapter 321H (with certain exceptions) if they 21 wish to be in the business of selling, wrecking, or rebuilding 22 in one calendar year six or more wrecked or salvage vehicles 23 subject to registration.

24 Section 6 requires the state department of transportation 25 to adopt rules so that authorized vehicle recyclers may apply 26 for transporter plates.

27 Sections 1, 2, 5, and 6 take effect July 1 following 28 enactment; sections 3 and 4 take effect January 1 following 29 enactment. However, the state department of transportation is 30 required to adopt rules to allow implementation of sections 3 31 and 4 prior to the January 1 effective date.

This bill creates and internally cites new section 321.52A.
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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS CONCERNING NOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD, SALVAGE, AND THEPT, CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, AND TRANSPER OF OWNERSHIP OF FOREIGN, WRECKED, AND SALVAGE VEHICLES AND MAKING PENALTIES APPLICABLE AND PROVIDING EPFECTIVE DATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 307.37, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

307.37 MOTOR VEHICLE FRAUD AND ODONETER LAW ENFORCEMENT.

The department shall investigate and prosecute violators of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not limited to, the state and federal odometer law. The department shall refer available evidence concerning a possible violation of the laws concerning motor vehicle fraud including, but not limited to, section 321.71 or the federal odometer law or a rule or order issued under section 321.71 or the federal odometer law, to the attorney general. The attorney general, with or without the referral, may institute appropriate criminal proceedings or may direct the case to the appropriate county attorney to institute appropriate criminal proceedings. The attorney general may use those funds available to the department of justice for this purpose and law enforcement agencies may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the enforcement of the-state-and-federal-odometer those laws, rules, or orders with the approval of the attorney general and-concurrence-by-the-department.

Sec. 2. Section 312.2, subsection 15, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

15. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the

state department of transportation justice from the road use tax fund an amount equal to twenty-five cents on each title issuance for motor vehicle fraud law enforcement and prosecution purposes including, but not limited to, the enforcement of state and federal odometer law-enforcement purposes laws. This-subsection-is-effective-for-the-fiscal period-beginning-duty-ty-1984-and-ending-dune-387-1989=

Sec. 3. Section 321.24, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code Supplement 1987, is amended to read as follows:

The certificate of title shall contain upon its face the identical information required upon the face of the registration receipt. In addition, the certificate of title shall contain a statement of the owner's title, the amount of tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, the name and address of the previous owner, and a statement of all security interests and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle described, including the nature of the security interest, date of notation, and name and address of the secured party. If the prior certificate of title was a salvage, rebuilt, or junking certificate of title in any other state, or if the prior certificate of title in any other state indicates that the vehicle was salvaged, rebuilt, or junked, the new certificate of title shall contain the same information together with the name of the state issuing the prior salvage, rebuilt, or junking certificate of title and a salvage, rebuilt, or junking designation together with the name of the state issuing the prior_salvage, rebuilt, or junking certificate of title shall be retained on all subsequent lowa certificates of title for the vehicle, except as provided in section 321.52. In the event a vehicle which previously had a salvage certificate of title from another state is repaired and a regular certificate of title is to be issued for it pursuant to section 321.52 without the designation rebuilt, the regular certificate of title shall indicate the state which had issued the prior salvage certificate of title in the

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same location in which lows certificates of title show the designation salvage or rebuilt, in addition to the name and address of the previous owner, in lieu of the salvage designation. The name of the state which had issued the prior salvage certificate of title shall remain in that location on every lowa certificate of title issued thereafter for the vehicle. The department shall adopt rules to determine how other states' designations are to be indicated on Iowa titles. The certificate shall bear the seal of the county treasurer or of the department, and the signature of the county treasurer, the deputy county treasurer, or the department director or deputy designee. The certificate shall provide space for the signature of the owner. The owner shall sign the certificate of title in the space provided with pen and ink upon its receipt. The certificate of title shall contain upon the reverse side a form for assignment of title or interest and varranty by the owner, for reassignments by a licensed dealer, and for application for a new certificate of title by the transferee as provided in this chapter. However, titles for mobile homes shall not be reassigned by licensed dealers. All certificates of title shall be typewritten or printed by other mechanical means.

Sec. 4. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

<u>a.</u> A vehicle rebuilder or a motor vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 322, upon acquisition of a wrecked or salvage vehicle, shall surrender the certificate of title and registration receipt or manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin properly assigned, together with an application for a salvage certificate of title to the county treasurer of the county of residence of the purchaser or transferee within fourteen days after the date of assignment of the certificate of title for the wrecked or salvage motor vehicle. This subsection applies only to vehicles with a fair market value of five hundred dollars or more, based on the value before the

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vehicle became wrecked or salvage. Upon payment of a fee of two dollars, the county treasurer shall issue a salvage certificate of title which shall bear the word "SALVAGE" stamped or printed on the face of the title in-bold-letters and-coded in a manner prescribed by the department. A salvage certificate of title may be assigned to any person. Notwithstanding-any-other-provisions-in-this-section-a A vehicle on which ownership has transferred to an insurer of the vehicle, as a result of a settlement with the owner of the vehicle arising out of damage to, or unrecovered theft of the vehicle, shall be deemed to be a wrecked or salvage vehicle and the insurer shall comply with this subsection to obtain a salvage certificate of title within fourteen days after the date of assignment of the certificate of title of the vehicle. However, a vehicle that has major damage to four or more component parts as defined in paragraph "b" shall receive a junking certificate of title and shall not thereafter be granted a regular certificate of title.

Sec. 5. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1987, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following lettered paragraphs, and lettering the existing paragraphs of the subsection:

b. When a wrecked or salvaged vehicle has been repaired, the owner may apply for a regular certificate of title by paying the appropriate fees and surrendering the salvage certificate of title and a properly executed salvage theft examination certificate. The county treasurer shall issue a regular certificate of title which, commencing September 1, 1988, if the wrecked or salvaged vehicle is five model years old or less, shall bear the word "REBUILT" stamped or printed on the face of the title. The rebuilt designation shall be included on every Iowa certificate of title issued thereafter for the vehicle. However, if ownership of a stolen vehicle has been transferred to an insurer organized under the laws of

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this state or admitted to do business in this state, or if the transfer was the result of a settlement with the owner of the vehicle arising from damage to or the unrecovered theft of the vehicle, and if the insurer certifles to the county treasurer on a form approved by the department that the cost of repairs to all damage to the vehicle is less than three thousand dollars, the county treasurer shall issue the regular certificate of title without the rebuilt designation. The county treasurer shall issue a regular certificate of title without the "REBUILT" designation if, before repairs are made, a component parts review has been conducted by a peace officer authorized to do so by the state department of transportation showing that the vehicle does not have component part damage. The component parts review shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by the department. For the purpose of this section, a wrecked or salvaged vehicle shall be considered to have component part damage if there is major damage requiring repairs or replacement of more than two of the vehicle's component parts. A "component part" means the rear clip, cowl, frame or inner structure forward of the cowl, body, cab, front end assembly, front clip, or such other parts which are critical to the safety of the vehicle as determined by rules adopted by the department. The owner shall pay a fee of thirty-five dollars upon the completion of the prerepair component parts review. The peace officer conducting the review shall maintain a record of the review and shall forward a copy of the review to the department. The department shall maintain a record of all reviews. If a vehicle does not have component damage as determined in this subsection, the officer conducting the review shall issue a certificate to the owner. to that effect. The certificate shall be surrendered to the county treasurer at the time of application for a regular certificate of title and the treasurer shall forward the certificate to the department.

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c. A salvage theft examination shall be made by a peace officer who has been specially certified and recertified when required by the lowa law enforcement academy to do salvage theft examinations. The Iowa law enforcement academy shall determine standards for training and certification, conduct training, and may approve alternative training programs which satisfy the academy's standards for training and certification. The owner of the salvage vehicle shall make the vehicle available for examination at a time and location designated by the peace officer doing the examination. The owner may obtain a permit to drive the vehicle to and from the examination location by submitting a repair affidavit to the agency performing the examination stating that the vehicle is reasonably safe for operation and listing the repairs which have been made to the vehicle. The owner must be present for the examination and have available for inspection the salvage title, bills of sale for all essential parts changed, and the repair affidavit. The examination shall be for the purposes of determining whether the vehicle or repair components have been stolen. The examination is not a safety inspection and a signed salvage theft examination certificate shall not be construed by any court of law to be a certification that the vehicle is safe to be operated. There shall be no cause of action against the peace officer or the agency conducting the examination or the county treasurer for failure to discover or note safety defects. If the vehicle passes the theft examination, the peace officer shall indicate that the vehicle passed examination on the salvage theft examination certificate and, with regard to a vehicle which is required to bear the word "REBUILT" stamped or printed on the face of the title, shall permanently identify the vehicle as "rebuilt" on the driver's door jamb or other area on the vehicle as designated by the department. A removal or alteration of this rebuilt identification is a violation of section 321.92. The repair affidavit, permit, and salvage theft examination

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certificate shall be on controlled forms prescribed and furnished by the department. The owner shall pay a fee of thirty dollars upon completion of the examination. The agency performing the examinations shall retain twenty dollars of the fee and shall pay five dollars of the fee to the department and five dollars of the fee to the Iowa law enforcement academy to provide for the special training, certification, and recertification of officers as required by this subsection.

The provision of this subsection requiring a salvage theft examination by a peace officer specially certified or recertified by the Iowa law enforcement academy to do salvage theft examinations shall become effective July 1, 1989. Salvage theft examinations conducted before July 1, 1989, shall be made by peace officers authorized to do so by the state department of transportation or the department of public safety who are qualified, as determined by those agencies, to conduct salvage theft examinations. The state department of transportation shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 17A to carry out this section, including transition rules allowing for salvage theft examinations prior to July 1, 1989.

Sec. 6. Section 321.52, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

<u>d.</u> Por purposes of this subsection a "wrecked or salvage vehicle" means a damaged vehicle <u>subject to registration and</u> <u>having a gross vehicle weight rating of less than thirty</u> <u>thousand pounds</u>, for which the cost of repair exceeds fifty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle, as determined <u>in accordance with rules adopted by the department</u>, before it became damaged.

Sec. 7. Section 321.92, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

321.92 ALTERING OR CHANGING NUMBERS.

1. FRAUDULENT INTENT. No person shall with fraudulent intent, deface, destroy, or alter the vehicle identification

number or component part number or other distinguishing number or identification mark of a vehicle or component part, <u>including a rebuilt identification</u>, nor shall any a person place or stamp any a serial, engine, or other number or mark upon a vehicle or component part, except one assigned thereto by the department. Any <u>A</u> violation of this provision is a felony punishable as provided in section 321.483.

This subsection shall does not prohibit the restoration of an original vehicle identification number, component part number, or other number or mark when such the restoration is made by the department, nor prevent any a manufacturer from placing, in the ordinary course of business, numbers or marks upon vehicles or component parts.

2. VEHICLES WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS. Any <u>A</u> person who knowingly buys, receives, disposes of, sells, offers for sale, or has in the person's possession any <u>a</u> vehicle, or any <u>a</u> component part of a vehicle, from which the vehicle identification number, rebuilt identification, or component part number has been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of the vehicle or component part is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. Section 321H.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

Except for educational institutions, people licensed as new or-used vehicle dealers under chapter 322, people engaged in a hobby not for profit, people engaged in the business of purchasing bodies, parts of bodies, frames or component parts of vehicles only for sale as scrap metal or a person licensed under the provisions of this chapter as an authorized vehicle recycler, a person in this state shall not engage in the business of:

Sec. 9. The state department of transportation shall adopt rules which allow authorized vehicle recyclers, as defined in chapter 321H, to meet the definition of transporter, as defined in chapter 321, so that transporter plates may be issued for authorized vehicle recyclers.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2285, Seventy-second General Assembly.

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