LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 03/19/2014

The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (954976) (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (o) through (w) of subsection (1) of section 319.30, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (p) through (x), respectively, a new paragraph (o) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

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319.30 Definitions; dismantling, destruction, change of identity of motor vehicle or mobile home; salvage.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (o) "Late model vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's model year of 7 years or newer.

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(b) The owner, including persons who are self-insured, of a any motor vehicle or mobile home that which is considered to be salvage shall, within 72 hours after the motor vehicle or mobile home becomes salvage, forward the title to the motor vehicle or mobile home to the department for processing. However, an insurance company that which pays money as compensation for the total loss of a motor vehicle or mobile home shall obtain the certificate of title for the motor vehicle or mobile home, make the required notification to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, and, within 72 hours after receiving such certificate of title, shall forward such title to the department for processing. The owner or insurance company, as applicable the case may be, may not dispose of a vehicle or mobile home that is a total loss before it obtains has obtained a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction from the department. When applying for a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction, the owner or insurance company must provide the department with an estimate of the costs of repairing the physical and mechanical damage suffered by the vehicle for which a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction is sought. If the estimated costs of repairing the physical and mechanical damage to the mobile home vehicle are equal to 80 percent or more of the current retail cost of

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the mobile home vehicle, as established in any official used car or used mobile home quide, the department shall declare the mobile home vehicle unrebuildable and print a certificate of destruction, which authorizes the dismantling or destruction of the motor vehicle or mobile home described therein. For a late model vehicle with a current retail cost of at least \$7,500 just prior to sustaining the damage that resulted in the total loss, as established in any official used car guide, if the owner or insurance company determines that the estimated costs of repairing the physical and mechanical damage to the vehicle are equal to 90 percent or more of the current retail cost of the vehicle, as established in any official used motor vehicle quide, the department shall declare the vehicle unrebuildable and print a certificate of destruction, which authorizes the dismantling or destruction of the motor vehicle. However, if the damaged motor vehicle is equipped with custom-lowered floors for wheelchair access or a wheelchair lift, the insurance company may, upon determining that the vehicle is repairable to a condition that is safe for operation on public roads, submit the certificate of title to the department for reissuance as a salvage rebuildable title and the addition of a title brand of "insurance-declared total loss." The certificate of destruction shall be reassignable a maximum of two times before dismantling or destruction of the vehicle is shall be required, and shall accompany the motor vehicle or mobile home for which it is issued, when such motor vehicle or mobile home is sold for such purposes, in lieu of a certificate of title., and, thereafter, The department may not issue a shall refuse issuance of any certificate of title for that vehicle. Nothing in This

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subsection is not shall be applicable if when a mobile home vehicle is worth less than \$1,500 retail just prior to sustaining the damage that resulted in the total loss $\frac{1}{100}$ undamaged condition in any official used motor vehicle quide or used mobile home guide or when a stolen motor vehicle or mobile home is recovered in substantially intact condition and is readily resalable without extensive repairs to or replacement of the frame or engine. If a motor vehicle has a current retail cost of less than \$7,500 just prior to sustaining the damage that resulted in the total loss, as established in any official used motor vehicle guide, or if the vehicle is not a late model vehicle, the owner or insurance company that pays money as compensation for the total loss of the motor vehicle shall obtain a certificate of destruction, if the motor vehicle is damaged, wrecked, or burned to the extent that the only residual value of the motor vehicle is as a source of parts or scrap metal, or if the motor vehicle comes into this state under a title or other ownership document that indicates that the motor vehicle is not repairable, is junked, or is for parts or dismantling only. A Any person who knowingly violates this paragraph or falsifies documentation any document to avoid the requirements of this paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014. ========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause



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99 A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of destruction; 100 amending s. 319.30, F.S.; defining a term; revising 101 102 requirements for the Department of Highway Safety and 103 Motor Vehicles to declare certain mobile homes and motor vehicles unrebuildable and to issue a 104 105 certificate of destruction; requiring the department 106 to issue certificates of destruction for motor 107 vehicles that are worth less than a specified amount 108 and are above a certain age under certain 109 circumstances; providing an effective date.