## CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Representative Maney offered the following:

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## Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 526 and 527, insert:

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The owner, including persons who are self-insured, of (b) a motor vehicle or mobile home that 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 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, forward such title by the United States Postal Service, by another commercial delivery service, or by electronic means, when such means are made available by the department, to the department for processing. The owner or insurance company, as applicable, may not dispose of a vehicle or mobile home that is a total loss before it obtains a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction from the department. Effective January 1, 2020:

- 1. Thirty days after payment of a claim for compensation pursuant to this paragraph, the insurance company may receive a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction from the department if the insurance company is unable to obtain a properly assigned paper or electronic certificate of title from the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle or mobile home, if the motor vehicle or mobile home does not carry an electronic lien on the title and the insurance company:
- a. Has obtained the release of all liens on the motor vehicle or mobile home, or has paid the amount due to the lienholder and has obtained proof that the lienholder accepts payment as satisfying the amount due to the lienholder;
- b. Has attested on a form provided by the department that payment of the total loss claim has been distributed; and

- c. Has attested on a form provided by the department and signed by the insurance company or its authorized agent stating the attempts that have been made to obtain the title from the owner or lienholder and further stating that all attempts are to no avail. The form must include a request that the salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction be issued in the insurance company's name due to payment of a total loss claim to the owner or lienholder. The attempts to contact the owner or lienholder may be by written request delivered in person or by first-class mail with a certificate of mailing to the owner's <u>last known address</u> or lienholder's last known address, respectively.
- 2. If the owner or lienholder is notified of the request for title in person, the insurance company must provide an affidavit attesting to the in-person request for a certificate of title.
- 3. The request to the owner or lienholder for the certificate of title must include a complete description of the motor vehicle or mobile home and the statement that a total loss claim has been paid on the motor vehicle or mobile home.

The department is not liable and may not be held liable to an owner, lienholder, or any other person as a result of the issuance of a salvage title or a certificate of destruction pursuant to this paragraph.

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65	DIRECTORY AMENDMENT
66	Remove line 491 and insert:
67	Section 10. Paragraphs (g) and (j) of subsection (1),
68	paragraph (b) of subsection (3), and
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71	TITLE AMENDMENT
72	Remove line 35 and insert:
73	definitions; revising provisions relating to obtaining
74	a salvage certificate of title or certificate of
75	destruction; exempting the department from liability
76	to certain persons as a result of the issuance of such
77	certificate; providing requirements for an independent

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