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S.B. No. 2246

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle titles for salvage vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 501.091, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Auction sales receipt" means a document certifying the sale of a motor vehicle at auction by a law enforcement agency or public sale for a lien foreclosure.

SECTION 2. Section 501.1003, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 501.1003. SALVAGE VEHICLE DEALER RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) If a salvage vehicle dealer acquires ownership of a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor vehicle for the purpose of dismantling, scrapping, or destroying the motor vehicle, the dealer shall, before the 31st day after the date the dealer acquires the motor vehicle, submit to the department a report stating that the motor vehicle will be dismantled, scrapped, or destroyed. The dealer shall:

(1) make the report in a manner prescribed by the department; and

(2) submit with the report a properly assigned manufacturer's certificate of origin, ~~[regular certificate of]~~ title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, auction sales receipt, or comparable out-of-state ownership document for

1 the motor vehicle.

2 (b) After receiving the report and title, manufacturer's
3 certificate of origin, auction sales receipt, or document, the
4 department shall issue the salvage vehicle dealer a receipt for the
5 manufacturer's certificate of origin, [~~regular certificate of~~]
6 title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, auction
7 sales receipt, or comparable out-of-state ownership document.

8 (c) The department shall adopt rules to notify the salvage
9 vehicle dealer if the vehicle was not issued a printed title, but
10 has a record of title in the department's titling system.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.