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SENATE BILL 536

Short Title: Junk and Salvage Vehicle Amendments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE TITLING AND REGISTRATION OF JUNK VEHICLES AND
3 REMOVING ANY DISTINCTION BASED ON VEHICLE AGE WITH RESPECT TO
4 THE BRANDED TITLE REQUIREMENTS FOR SALVAGE VEHICLES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-71.3 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 20-71.3. Salvage and other vehicles – titles and registration cards to be branded.

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9 (b) Any motor vehicle ~~up to and including six model years old~~ damaged by collision or
10 other occurrence, that is to be ~~retitled~~ registered in this State, shall be subject to preliminary and
11 final inspections by the Enforcement Section of the Division. ~~For purposes of this section, the~~
12 ~~term "six model years" shall be calculated by counting the model year of the vehicle's~~
13 ~~manufacture as the first model year and the current calendar year as the final model year.~~ No junk
14 vehicle or vehicle that has been branded junk shall be titled or registered.

15 These inspections serve as antitheft measures and do not certify the safety or road-worthiness
16 of a vehicle.

17 (c) The Division shall not ~~retitle~~ register a vehicle described in subsection (b) of this
18 section that has not undergone the preliminary and final inspections required by that subsection.

19 (d) ~~Any motor vehicle up to and including six model years old that has been inspected~~
20 ~~pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may be retitled with an unbranded title based upon a~~
21 ~~title application by the rebuilder with a supporting affidavit disclosing all of the following:~~

- 22 (1) ~~The parts used or replaced.~~
23 (2) ~~The major components replaced.~~
24 (3) ~~The hours of labor and the hourly labor rate.~~
25 (4) ~~The total cost of repair.~~
26 (5) ~~The existence, if applicable, of the doorjamb "TOTAL LOSS CLAIM~~
27 ~~VEHICLE" marker.~~

28 ~~The unbranded title shall be issued only if the cost of repairs, including parts and labor, does~~
29 ~~not exceed seventy five percent (75%) of its fair market retail value.~~

30 (e) ~~Any motor vehicle more than six model years old damaged by collision or other~~
31 ~~occurrence that is to be retitled by the State may be retitled, without inspection, with an~~
32 ~~unbranded title based upon a title application by the rebuilder with a supporting affidavit~~
33 ~~disclosing all of the following:~~

- 34 (1) ~~The parts used or replaced.~~
35 (2) ~~The major components replaced.~~
36 (3) ~~The hours of labor and the hourly labor rate.~~



- 1 (4) The total cost of repair.
- 2 (5) ~~The existence, if applicable, of the doorjamb "TOTAL LOSS CLAIM~~
- 3 ~~VEHICLE" marker.~~
- 4 (6) The cost to replace the air bag restraint system.

5 ~~The unbranded title shall be issued only if the cost of repairs, including parts and labor and~~
6 ~~excluding the cost to replace the air bag restraint system, does not exceed seventy five percent~~
7 ~~(75%) of its fair market retail value.~~

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9 (h) A branded title for a salvage motor vehicle damaged by collision or other occurrence
10 shall be issued ~~as follows:~~if the cost of repairs, including parts and labor, exceeds seventy-five
11 percent (75%) of its fair market value at the time of the collision or other occurrence.

12 (1) ~~For motor vehicles up to and including six model years old, a branded title~~
13 ~~shall be issued if the cost of repairs, including parts and labor, exceeds~~
14 ~~seventy five percent (75%) of its fair market value at the time of the collision~~
15 ~~or other occurrence.~~

16 (2) ~~For motor vehicles more than six model years old, a branded title shall be~~
17 ~~issued if the cost of repairs, including parts and labor and excluding the cost~~
18 ~~to replace the air bag restraint system, exceeds seventy five percent (75%) of~~
19 ~~its fair market value at the time of the collision or other occurrence.~~

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21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to any title or
22 registration application submitted on or after that date.