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HOUSE BILL 1814

By: Reps. Mitchell, Capps, Fuller

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TITLING AND TRANSFER OF SALVAGE VEHICLES, AND RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) Each owner of a motor vehicle, when such motor vehicle is (i) changed in such a manner that it is not the motor vehicle described in the certificate of title or (ii) by reason of vehicle damage by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle for safe operation on the highways would exceed its fair retail market value or have been declared a total loss by an insurer, shall send the certificate of title for the vehicle to the Motor Vehicle Office of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration within ten (10) days of such occurrence.

(b) Upon receiving a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), the Motor Vehicle Office shall issue a new certificate of title in the name of the insurance company or vehicle owner with the designation "salvage vehicle" printed on the face of the title. On receipt of such certificate, the insurance company or vehicle owner shall immediately endorse an assignment of ownership and give the certificate to the person who acquired the vehicle as salvage.

(c) The records of the Motor Vehicle Office shall be marked to indicate that the vehicle was transferred as salvage and that the vehicle cannot be titled or registered for operation in this State except in accordance with Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 2. (a) If a motor vehicle which was transferred as salvage is rebuilt and restored to operation, the vehicle cannot be titled and registered for operation until a certificate of inspection for titling and registration of vehicles, as required by Section 3 of Act 638 of 1967, as amended, is sub-

mitted to the Motor Vehicle Office.

(b) Upon receipt of the required certificate of inspection and the certificate of title for the vehicle, the Motor Vehicle Office shall issue a new certificate of title with the words "RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLE" printed thereon and shall enter a notation in its permanent records that the vehicle is a reconstructed vehicle.

(c) Upon any subsequent transfer or assignment of title of any motor vehicle which has been declared a reconstructed vehicle, the Motor Vehicle Office shall issue a new certificate of title to the new owner which shall contain the words "RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLE".

SECTION 3. When a motor vehicle owner transfers his title or interest in a vehicle that is to be scrapped, dismantled or destroyed, the owner shall immediately deliver the registration certificate and license plates of the vehicle to the Motor Vehicle Office for cancellation, unless the license plates are transferred to another vehicle as provided in Section 1 of Act 134 of 1967.

SECTION 4. The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue such regulations as are necessary and appropriate for the proper enactment and enforcement of this Act.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

