

1 SENATE BILL NO. 421

2 INTRODUCED BY C. FRIEDEL

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING VEHICLE SALVAGE AND WRECKING
5 LAWS; REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITIES TO KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS;
6 PROVIDING FOR A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-3-225, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 Section 1. Section 61-3-225, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "**61-3-225. Motor vehicle wrecking facility quarterly reports -- recordkeeping requirements --**

12 **SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.** (1) A motor vehicle wrecking facility, ~~OR SALVAGE RECYCLING CENTER, or a private~~
13 ~~individual engaged in the removal of vehicles for commercial gain~~ shall maintain a vehicle acquisition record.

14 The record must contain:

15 (a) the time and date of the transaction, and the name of the person conducting the transaction on
16 behalf of the facility, and a written statement that the person verified the identity of the seller or transferor using
17 a valid driver's license, passport, or state identification card;

18 (b) the year, make, and complete identification number of the vehicle transacted for;

19 (c) the amount of consideration given for the vehicle;

20 ~~(d) a photocopy or scanned copy of a current, valid driver's license, passport, or state identification~~
21 ~~card of the seller or transferor. The requirements of this subsection (1)(d) do not apply if the seller or transferor~~
22 ~~pays by check or is a professional tow truck operator OR AUTO SALVAGE AUCTION.~~

23 ~~(e)(d)~~ a signature of the seller or transferor; and

24 ~~(f)(e)~~ the certificate of title if it is obtainable.

25 (2) Quarterly, the owner or operator of a motor vehicle wrecking facility, as defined in 75-10-501,
26 shall deliver to the department or an authorized agent, on a form approved by the department, a list of all junk
27 vehicles, as defined in 75-10-501, received by the owner or operator of the motor vehicle wrecking facility
28 during the quarter, stating the year, make, and complete identification number of each vehicle. If the owner or

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1 operator of a motor vehicle wrecking facility received a certificate of title when the owner or operator of the
2 facility received a junk vehicle on the list, that certificate of title must accompany the list a copy of the vehicle
3 acquisition record required under subsection (1).

4 (3) The For vehicles obtained by a motor vehicle wrecking facility OR SALVAGE RECYCLING CENTERS
5 that may be rebuilt, the department shall issue a receipt for the certificate of title if requested by the owner or
6 operator of the facility, and the receipt may serve as an instrument for reclaiming the certificate of title if the
7 vehicle is rebuilt.

8 (4) (A) A MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT A VEHICLE
9 ACQUISITION RECORD THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES
10 PURSUANT TO TITLE 30, CHAPTER 14, PART 1.

11 (B) PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (4) BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE
12 PROVISIONS OF 30-14-143 OR 30-14-226 AND MUST BE DEPOSITED INTO A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT
13 PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (4)(C).

14 (C) THERE IS AN ACCOUNT IN THE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO THE CREDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 JUSTICE TO DEFRAY THE COST TO THE DEPARTMENT IN INVESTIGATING AND ENFORCING THIS SECTION.

16 (5) (A) A PERSON WHO SELLS OR TRANSFERS A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A WRECKING FACILITY WITHOUT THE
17 LAWFUL RIGHT TO DO SO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF THEFT PROVIDED FOR IN 45-6-301.

18 (B) A PERSON WHO FALSIFIES A DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED OR CREATED BY THIS SECTION
19 COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF FORGERY PROVIDED FOR IN 45-6-325."

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