

SENATE BILL NO. 172—SENATOR DENIS

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to nonrepairable vehicles. (BDR 43-806)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the owner of a motor vehicle for which a nonrepairable vehicle certificate has been issued to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to have the motor vehicle deemed a salvage vehicle; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law defines a nonrepairable vehicle as a motor vehicle other than an  
2 abandoned vehicle that: (1) has value only as a source of parts or scrap metal; (2)  
3 has been designated by its owner for dismantling as a source of parts or scrap  
4 metal; (3) has been stripped of all body panels, doors, hatches, substantially all  
5 interior components and substantially all grill and light assemblies; or (4) has been  
6 burned, destroyed or otherwise damaged to such an extent that it cannot be returned  
7 to a condition which is legal for operation on the highways of this State. (NRS  
8 487.760) Existing law provides that a nonrepairable vehicle may not be rebuilt,  
9 reconstructed or restored for operation on the highways of this State, and must be  
10 processed as parts or scrap metal by a licensed automobile wrecker. (NRS 487.880)  
11 The Department of Motor Vehicles may not issue a salvage title for a nonrepairable  
12 vehicle. (NRS 487.810) Except for a nonrepairable vehicle, a vehicle for which a  
13 salvage title has been issued may subsequently be registered if it is inspected by  
14 certain licensed or registered persons and certified to be in a safe mechanical  
15 condition and equipped with all safety equipment required by the manufacturer.  
16 (NRS 487.860) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the owner of a motor vehicle for  
17 which a nonrepairable vehicle certificate has been issued to apply to the  
18 Department to have the motor vehicle deemed a salvage vehicle. The applicant  
19 must submit to the Department evidence satisfactory to the Department that the  
20 motor vehicle is not a nonrepairable vehicle. If the application is granted, the motor  
21 vehicle is deemed a salvage vehicle for all purposes, including applying for a



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22 salvage title. **Section 6** of this bill makes falsification of an application to have a  
23 motor vehicle deemed a salvage vehicle a gross misdemeanor. **Sections 2-5** of this  
24 bill make conforming changes.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 487 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. A person who owns a motor vehicle for which a*  
4 *nonrepairable vehicle certificate has been issued may apply to the*  
5 *Department to have the motor vehicle deemed a salvage vehicle for*  
6 *all purposes, including, without limitation, the issuance of a*  
7 *salvage title pursuant to NRS 487.810 or 487.820.*

8 *2. The Department shall grant an application to deem a*  
9 *motor vehicle a salvage vehicle pursuant to subsection 1 if the*  
10 *person submits an application on a form prescribed by the*  
11 *Department and evidence satisfactory to the Department that*  
12 *the motor vehicle is not a nonrepairable vehicle.*

13 *3. Upon a determination by the Department to grant an*  
14 *application pursuant to subsection 2, the motor vehicle is for all*  
15 *purposes deemed a salvage vehicle.*

16 *4. As used in this section, "nonrepairable vehicle certificate"*  
17 *means:*

18 *(a) A nonrepairable vehicle certificate issued by the*  
19 *Department; or*

20 *(b) A certificate, title or other document issued by another*  
21 *state that the Department determines is substantially similar to a*  
22 *nonrepairable vehicle certificate issued by the Department.*

23 **Sec. 2.** NRS 487.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 487.710 As used in NRS 487.710 to 487.890, inclusive, *and*  
25 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
26 words and terms defined in NRS 487.720 to 487.790, inclusive,  
27 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

28 **Sec. 3.** NRS 487.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 487.760 *1.* "Nonrepairable vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
30 other than an abandoned vehicle, as defined in NRS 487.210, that:

31 ~~1-1~~ *(a)* Has value only as a source of parts or scrap metal;

32 ~~1-2~~ *(b)* Has been designated by its owner for dismantling as a  
33 source of parts or scrap metal;

34 ~~1-3~~ *(c)* Has been stripped of all body panels, doors, hatches,  
35 substantially all interior components and substantially all grill and  
36 light assemblies; or



1 ~~14~~ (d) Has been burned, destroyed or otherwise damaged to  
2 such an extent that it cannot be returned to a condition which is legal  
3 for operation on the highways of this State.

4 **2. The term does not include a motor vehicle that is deemed a**  
5 **salvage vehicle pursuant to section 1 of this act.**

6 **Sec. 4.** NRS 487.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 487.770 “Salvage vehicle” means a motor vehicle that ~~14~~:

8 **1. At** any time has been declared a total loss vehicle, flood-  
9 damaged vehicle, nonrepairable vehicle or had “salvage” or a  
10 similar word or designation placed on any title issued for the vehicle  
11 ~~14~~; or

12 **2. Is deemed a salvage vehicle pursuant to section 1 of this**  
13 **act.**

14 **Sec. 5.** NRS 487.880 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 487.880 ~~14~~ **Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this**  
16 **act, a nonrepairable vehicle:**

- 17 1. Must be processed as parts or scrap metal by a licensed  
18 automobile wrecker.
- 19 2. May not be rebuilt, reconstructed or restored for operation  
20 on the highways of this State.
- 21 3. Must be issued a certificate by the state agency which  
22 indicates that it is a nonrepairable vehicle before any ownership  
23 interest in the vehicle may be transferred.

24 **Sec. 6.** NRS 108.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 108.365 Any person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who  
26 knowingly:

- 27 1. Makes or causes to be made a false entry on any affidavit of  
28 lien sale or on any lien sale registration certificate for a motor  
29 vehicle;
- 30 2. Makes or causes to be made a false entry on a certificate of  
31 title as to ownership or any security interest that may exist in a  
32 motor vehicle;
- 33 3. Fails to disclose any information which would indicate that a  
34 vehicle sold or offered for sale is or should be considered a salvage  
35 or nonrepairable vehicle; or
- 36 4. Falsifies or causes to be falsified an application or other  
37 document submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles to :  
38 ~~14~~

39 (a) ~~14~~ **Obtain:**

40 (1) A certificate of title or ownership; or  
41 ~~14~~ (2) A salvage title or a certificate which indicates that the  
42 vehicle is nonrepairable as defined in chapter 487 of NRS ~~14~~; or

43 (b) **Have a motor vehicle deemed a salvage vehicle pursuant to**  
44 **section 1 of this act.**



- 1     **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective:  
2     1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting  
3 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
4 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and  
5     2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

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