
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 325—ASSEMBLYMEN BUCKLEY, CONKLIN,
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SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to motor vehicles
that have sustained certain damages. (BDR 43-222)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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; imposing certain restrictions
and requirements upon the transfer and titling of vehicles
that have sustained certain damages; requiring certain
notices and disclosures regarding such vehicles; imposing
civil liability and providing criminal penalties for certain
violations relating thereto; revising certain provisions
governing the registration or licensure of garagemen and
body shops; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 482.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 482.470 1. If any vehicle is dismantled, junked or rendered
3 inoperative and unfit for further use in accordance with the original
4 purpose for which it was constructed, the owner shall deliver to the
5 Department any certificate of registration and certificate of
6 ownership issued by the Department or any other jurisdiction, unless
7 the certificate of ownership is required for the collection of any
8 insurance or other indemnity for the loss of the vehicle, or for
9 transfer in order to dispose of the vehicle.



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1 2. Any other person taking possession of a vehicle described in
2 subsection 1 shall immediately deliver to the Department any
3 license plate or plates, certificate of registration or certificate of
4 ownership issued by the Department or any other jurisdiction, if he
5 has acquired possession of any of these and unless the certificate of
6 ownership is required for a further transfer in the ultimate
7 disposition of the vehicle.

8 3. The Department may issue a salvage title as provided in
9 chapter 487 of NRS. ~~[The Department shall not charge a fee for the~~
10 ~~issuance of the salvage title.]~~

11 4. The Department shall destroy any plate or plates, certificate
12 of registration or certificate of ownership that is returned in a
13 manner described in subsections 1 and 2. ~~[The Department shall not~~
14 ~~issue a certificate of registration or certificate of ownership for a~~
15 ~~vehicle with the same identification number as the dismantled,~~
16 ~~junked or inoperative vehicle if the vehicle was manufactured in the~~
17 ~~5 years preceding the date on which it was dismantled, junked or~~
18 ~~otherwise rendered inoperative, unless the Department authorizes~~
19 ~~the restoration of the vehicle pursuant to subsection 2 of~~
20 ~~NRS 482.553.]~~

21 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 487 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 19, inclusive, of this
23 act.

24 **Sec. 3.** *As used in NRS 487.045, 487.110, 487.120, 487.150*
25 *and 487.185 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act, the words*
26 *and terms defined in NRS 487.045 and sections 4 to 10, inclusive,*
27 *of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

28 **Sec. 4.** *“Cost of repair” means the cost to repair a vehicle,*
29 *which is established pursuant to section 15 of this act.*

30 **Sec. 5.** *“Fair market value” means the retail value of a*
31 *motor vehicle that is the highest of the values established by:*

32 1. *An objective motor vehicle appraisal based upon local*
33 *market resources, including, without limitation, automobile*
34 *dealers and classified advertisements of newspapers.*

35 2. *An independent appraisal service.*

36 3. *A current issue of a nationally recognized guide used by*
37 *financial institutions in this state for the valuation of used motor*
38 *vehicles.*

39 **Sec. 6.** *“Flood-damaged vehicle” means a motor vehicle*
40 *which:*

41 1. *Has been submerged in water to a point that the level of*
42 *the water is higher than the door sill of the vehicle and the water*
43 *has entered the passenger, trunk or engine compartment of the*
44 *vehicle and has come into contact with the electrical system of the*
45 *vehicle; and*



1 2. *Has been acquired by an insurance company or retained*
2 *by its owner or any other person as part of a loss settlement*
3 *resulting from water damage.*

4 **Sec. 7.** *“Motor vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
5 *NRS 482.075.*

6 **Sec. 8.** *“Nonrepairable vehicle” means a motor vehicle other*
7 *than an abandoned vehicle, as defined in NRS 487.210, that:*

8 1. *Has value only as a source of parts or scrap metal;*
9 2. *Has been designated by its owner for dismantling as a*
10 *source of parts or scrap metal;*

11 3. *Has been stripped of all body panels, doors, hatches,*
12 *substantially all interior components and substantially all grill and*
13 *light assemblies; or*

14 4. *Has been burned, destroyed or otherwise damaged to such*
15 *an extent that it cannot be returned to a condition which is legal*
16 *for operation on the highways of this state.*

17 **Sec. 9.** *“Salvage vehicle” means a motor vehicle that at any*
18 *time has been declared a total loss vehicle, flood-damaged vehicle,*
19 *nonrepairable vehicle or had “salvage” or a similar word or*
20 *designation placed on any title issued for the vehicle.*

21 **Sec. 10.** *“Title” means a certificate of ownership or any*
22 *other document issued by any state or country indicating the*
23 *ownership of a motor vehicle.*

24 **Sec. 11. 1.** *Any person who transfers an interest in a motor*
25 *vehicle in this state shall, before the transfer, disclose in writing to*
26 *the transferee any information that the transferor knows*
27 *concerning whether the vehicle is a salvage vehicle.*

28 2. *If the transferor is subject to any of the provisions of NRS*
29 *482.423 to 482.4245, inclusive, the transferor shall:*

30 (a) *Make the disclosure required by subsection 1 before*
31 *finalizing a contract of sale or a long-term lease;*

32 (b) *Provide a copy of the disclosure to the transferee; and*

33 (c) *Retain the written disclosure in his records for the period*
34 *specified in NRS 482.3263.*

35 3. *A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of obtaining*
36 *property by false pretenses as provided in NRS 205.380.*

37 **Sec. 12. 1.** *A person shall not remove, cause to be removed*
38 *or conceal a marking on a salvage title or other title which*
39 *indicates that the vehicle is a salvage vehicle.*

40 2. *A person who violates subsection 1 with the intent to*
41 *defraud:*

42 (a) *If the fair market value of the vehicle involved is \$250 or*
43 *more, is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as*
44 *provided in NRS 193.130.*



1 **(b) If the fair market value of the vehicle involved is less than**
2 **\$250, is guilty of a misdemeanor.**
3 **In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order the person**
4 **to pay restitution to the victim.**

5 **Sec. 13. 1. A person who, with the intent to defraud,**
6 **violates any provision of section 11 or 12 of this act is liable to any**
7 **purchaser or lessee of a motor vehicle who is harmed by that**
8 **violation for:**

9 **(a) Three times the amount of actual damages sustained by the**
10 **purchaser or lessee;**

11 **(b) Five thousand dollars; or**

12 **(c) Actual damages sustained by the purchaser or lessee and**
13 **such punitive damages as are determined by the court,**
14 **whichever is greater.**

15 **2. If an action brought pursuant to subsection 1 is successful,**
16 **the purchaser or lessee who brought the action is entitled to the**
17 **costs of bringing the action and reasonable attorney's fees, as**
18 **determined by the court.**

19 **3. The remedy provided in this section is in addition to and is**
20 **not a substitute for any other legal or equitable remedy available**
21 **to a purchaser or lessee of a motor vehicle who is harmed by a**
22 **violation of section 11 or 12 of this act.**

23 **Sec. 14. A nonrepairable vehicle:**

24 **1. Must be processed as parts or scrap metal by a licensed**
25 **automobile wrecker, dismantler or recycler.**

26 **2. May not be rebuilt, reconstructed or restored for operation**
27 **on the highways of this state.**

28 **3. Must be issued a certificate by the state agency which**
29 **indicates that it is a nonrepairable vehicle before any ownership**
30 **interest in the vehicle may be transferred.**

31 **Sec. 15. An estimate of the cost of repair for a motor vehicle**
32 **pursuant to NRS 487.110:**

33 **1. Must be calculated using the cost of the parts and labor**
34 **required to restore the vehicle to the condition it was in**
35 **immediately before it was wrecked, destroyed or otherwise**
36 **damaged. The cost of parts and labor must be based on:**

37 **(a) The current published retail price of original manufacturer**
38 **equipment, or the actual cost of used parts if new parts are not**
39 **available.**

40 **(b) Rates for labor which are commonly charged in the**
41 **community in which the repairs will be performed.**

42 **2. May not include any cost associated with painting any**
43 **portion of the vehicle.**

44 **Sec. 16. 1. The state agency may issue a salvage title for a**
45 **vehicle, which contains a brief description of the vehicle,**



1 including, insofar as data may exist with respect to the vehicle, the
2 make, type, serial number and motor number, or any other
3 number of the vehicle, upon application, to:

- 4 (a) A licensed automobile wrecker;
- 5 (b) A licensed operator of a salvage pool;
- 6 (c) A dealer of new or used motor vehicles who is licensed in
7 another state or foreign country and is registered with a salvage
8 pool;
- 9 (d) An automobile wrecker or dismantler who is licensed in
10 another state or foreign country and is registered with a salvage
11 pool;
- 12 (e) A person who determines that his motor vehicle is a salvage
13 vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.110; or
- 14 (f) A tow car operator who is subject to the jurisdiction of the
15 Transportation Services Authority.

16 2. A properly endorsed title, together with a secured power of
17 attorney and a reading of the vehicle's odometer, must be
18 submitted with the application for salvage title.

19 3. Upon receipt of all necessary documents, the state agency
20 shall issue a salvage title for the vehicle.

21 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the state
22 agency shall charge and collect a fee of \$10 for the issuance of a
23 salvage title pursuant to this section. The state agency shall not
24 charge a fee for the issuance of a salvage title to an automobile
25 wrecker licensed in this state. Fees collected by the state agency
26 pursuant to this subsection must be deposited with the State
27 Treasurer for credit to the Account for Regulation of Salvage
28 Pools, Automobile Wreckers, Body Shops and Garages created by
29 NRS 487.450.

30 5. Ownership interest in a salvage vehicle may not be
31 transferred unless a salvage title has been issued by the state
32 agency for the vehicle.

33 6. Possession of a salvage title does not entitle a person to
34 dismantle, scrap, process or wreck any vehicle in this state unless
35 the person holds a license issued pursuant to NRS 487.050.

36 **Sec. 17. 1.** The Department may refuse to issue a license
37 or, after notice and hearing, may suspend, revoke or refuse to
38 renew a license to operate a garage upon any of the following
39 grounds:

- 40 (a) Failure of the applicant or garageman to have or maintain
41 an established place of business in this state.
- 42 (b) Conviction of the applicant, garageman or an employee of
43 the applicant or garageman of a felony, misdemeanor or gross
44 misdemeanor for a violation of a provision of this chapter.



- 1 (c) Any material misstatement in the application for the
- 2 license.
- 3 (d) Willful failure of the applicant or garageman to comply
- 4 with the motor vehicle laws of this state and NRS 487.035 or
- 5 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive.
- 6 (e) Failure or refusal by the applicant or garageman to pay or
- 7 otherwise discharge any final judgment against him arising out of
- 8 the operation of the garage.
- 9 (f) Failure or refusal to provide to the Department an
- 10 authorization for the disclosure of financial records for the
- 11 business as required pursuant to subsection 2.
- 12 (g) A finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a
- 13 case involving a fraudulent inspection, purchase, sale or transfer
- 14 of a salvage vehicle by the applicant or garageman or an employee
- 15 of the applicant or garageman.
- 16 (h) An improper, careless or negligent inspection of a salvage
- 17 vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.110 by the applicant or garageman
- 18 or an employee of the applicant or garageman.
- 19 (i) A false statement of a material fact in a certification of a
- 20 salvage vehicle required pursuant to NRS 487.110 or a record
- 21 regarding a salvage vehicle by the applicant or garageman or an
- 22 employee of the applicant or garageman.
- 23 2. Upon the receipt of any report or complaint alleging that
- 24 an applicant or a garageman has engaged in financial misconduct
- 25 or has failed to satisfy financial obligations related to the
- 26 operation of a garage, the Department may require the applicant
- 27 or garageman to submit to the Department an authorization for
- 28 the disclosure of financial records for the business as provided in
- 29 NRS 239A.090. The Department may use any information
- 30 obtained pursuant to such an authorization only to determine the
- 31 suitability of the applicant or garageman for initial or continued
- 32 licensure. Information obtained pursuant to such an authorization
- 33 may be disclosed only to those employees of the Department who
- 34 are authorized to issue a certificate of registration to an applicant
- 35 pursuant to NRS 487.560 to 487.565, inclusive, or to determine the
- 36 suitability of an applicant or a garageman for such certification.
- 37 3. As used in this section, "salvage vehicle" has the meaning
- 38 ascribed to it in section 9 of this act.
- 39 **Sec. 18.** If the Director finds that the action is necessary in
- 40 the public interest, the Director may, upon notice to the
- 41 garageman, temporarily suspend or refuse to renew the certificate
- 42 of registration to operate a garage for not more than 30 days. The
- 43 Department shall conduct a hearing and issue a final decision on
- 44 the matter within 30 days after it sends notice to the garageman of
- 45 the temporary suspension.



1 **Sec. 19.** *In any hearing conducted by the Department*
2 *concerning the registration of a garage, the Director may issue*
3 *subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of*
4 *evidence.*

5 **Sec. 20.** NRS 487.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:
6 487.045 ~~[As used in NRS 487.045 to 487.200, inclusive, “total]~~

7 *“Total loss vehicle” means a motor vehicle:*

- 8 1. *Of a type which is subject to registration; and*
- 9 2. *Which has been wrecked, destroyed or otherwise damaged*
10 *to such an extent that the ~~owner, leasing company, financial~~*
11 *~~institution or the insurance company that insured the vehicle~~*
12 *~~considers it uneconomical to repair the vehicle; and~~*

13 ~~—3. Because of that wreckage, destruction or other damage,~~
14 ~~which is not repaired by or for the person who owned the vehicle at~~
15 ~~the time of the event resulting in the damage.] *cost of repair is 75*~~
16 ~~*percent or more of the fair market value of the vehicle immediately*~~
17 ~~*before it was wrecked, destroyed or otherwise damaged.*~~

18 *The term does not include a nonrepairable vehicle or other motor*
19 *vehicle which is 10 years old or older and which requires only the*
20 *replacement of the hood, trunk lid, grill assembly or two or fewer*
21 *quarter panels, doors, bumper assemblies, headlight assemblies,*
22 *taillight assemblies, or any combination thereof, to restore the*
23 *vehicle to its condition before it was wrecked, destroyed or*
24 *otherwise damaged.*

25 **Sec. 21.** NRS 487.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 487.060 1. No license may be issued to an automobile
27 wrecker until he has procured and filed with the Department a good
28 and sufficient bond in the amount of \$50,000, with a corporate
29 surety thereon licensed to do business in the State of Nevada,
30 approved as to form by the Attorney General, and conditioned that
31 the applicant conducts his business as a wrecker without fraud or
32 fraudulent representation, and without violation of the provisions of
33 NRS 487.045 ~~[to 487.200, inclusive.]~~, *487.110, 487.120, 487.150*
34 *and 487.185 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act and NRS*
35 *487.050 to 487.100, inclusive, and 487.160, 487.170, 487.180,*
36 *487.190 and 487.200.* The Department may, by agreement with any
37 automobile wrecker who has been licensed for 5 years or more by
38 the Department or a department of motor vehicles in another state,
39 reduce the amount of the bond of the wrecker, if the business of that
40 wrecker has been conducted satisfactorily for the preceding 5 years,
41 but no bond may be in an amount less than \$5,000. The Department
42 shall make the necessary investigation to determine whether a
43 wrecker licensed in another state has conducted its business
44 satisfactorily.



1 2. The bond may be continuous in form and the total aggregate
2 liability on the bond must be limited to the payment of the total
3 amount of the bond.

4 3. The bond must provide that any person injured by the action
5 of the automobile wrecker in violation of any of the provisions of
6 NRS 487.045 ~~[to 487.160, inclusive,]~~, *487.110, 487.120, 487.150*
7 *and 487.185 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act and NRS*
8 *487.050 to 487.100, inclusive, and 487.160, 487.170, 487.180,*
9 *487.190 and 487.200* may apply to the Director for compensation
10 from the bond. The Director, for good cause shown and after notice
11 and opportunity for hearing, may determine the amount of
12 compensation and the person to whom it is to be paid. The surety
13 shall then make the payment.

14 4. In lieu of a bond an automobile wrecker may deposit with
15 the Department, under the terms prescribed by the Department:

16 (a) A like amount of money or bonds of the United States or of
17 the State of Nevada of an actual market value of not less than the
18 amount fixed by the Department; or

19 (b) A savings certificate of a bank, credit union or savings and
20 loan association situated in Nevada, which must indicate an account
21 of an amount equal to the amount of the bond which would
22 otherwise be required by this section and that this amount is
23 unavailable for withdrawal except upon order of the Department.
24 Interest earned on the certificate accrues to the account of the
25 applicant.

26 5. A deposit made pursuant to subsection 4 may be disbursed
27 by the Director, for good cause shown and after notice and
28 opportunity for hearing, in an amount determined by him to
29 compensate a person injured by an action of the licensee, or released
30 upon receipt of:

31 (a) A court order requiring the Director to release all or a
32 specified portion of the deposit; or

33 (b) A statement signed by the person in whose name the deposit
34 is made and acknowledged before any person authorized to take
35 acknowledgments in this state, requesting the Director to release the
36 deposit, or a specified portion thereof, and stating the purpose for
37 which the release is requested.

38 6. When a deposit is made pursuant to subsection 4, liability
39 under the deposit is in the amount prescribed by the Department. If
40 the amount of the deposit is reduced or there is an outstanding
41 judgment for which the licensee is liable under the deposit, the
42 license is automatically suspended. The license must be reinstated if
43 the licensee:

44 (a) Files an additional bond pursuant to subsection 1;



1 (b) Restores the deposit with the Department to the original
2 amount required under this section; or

3 (c) Satisfies the outstanding judgment for which he is liable
4 under the deposit.

5 7. A deposit made pursuant to subsection 4 may be refunded:

6 (a) By order of the Director, 3 years after the date the licensee
7 ceases to be licensed by the Department, if the Director is satisfied
8 that there are no outstanding claims against the deposit; or

9 (b) By order of court, at any time within 3 years after the date
10 the licensee ceases to be licensed by the Department, upon evidence
11 satisfactory to the court that there are no outstanding claims against
12 the deposit.

13 8. Any money received by the Department pursuant to
14 subsection 4 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to
15 the Motor Vehicle Fund.

16 **Sec. 22.** NRS 487.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 487.100 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any
18 automobile wrecker purchasing from any person other than a
19 licensed operator of a salvage pool, any vehicle subject to
20 registration pursuant to the laws of this state shall forward to the
21 Department the certificates of ownership and registration last issued
22 therefor.

23 2. The certificate of ownership last issued for a mobile home or
24 commercial coach must be sent by the wrecker to the Manufactured
25 Housing Division ~~[-~~

26 ~~3. The state agency may issue to the licensee a salvage title~~
27 ~~containing a brief description of the vehicle, including, insofar as~~
28 ~~data may exist with respect to the vehicle, the make, type, serial~~
29 ~~number and motor number, or any other number of the vehicle. The~~
30 ~~state agency shall not charge a fee for the issuance of the salvage~~
31 ~~title.] of the Department of Business and Industry.~~

32 **Sec. 23.** NRS 487.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 487.110 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,~~
34 ~~whenever] Whenever a salvage vehicle [subject to registration] is~~
35 sold as ~~[salvage:~~

36 ~~—(a) As] a result of a total loss [insurance settlement, the]~~
37 ~~suffered by any person, including, without limitation, a person~~
38 ~~who is uninsured, self insured or has coverage with an insurance~~
39 ~~company, the owner, self-insurer or~~ insurance company or its
40 authorized agent shall forward the endorsed ~~[ownership certificate~~
41 ~~or other evidence of] title , together with an application for a~~
42 ~~salvage title,~~ to the state agency within 30 days after receipt
43 ~~[thereof; or~~

44 ~~—(b) Because the owner determines that the vehicle is a total loss~~
45 ~~vehicle,~~



1 ~~the owner shall forward the ownership certificate or other evidence~~
2 ~~of title to the state agency within 120 days after the vehicle is~~
3 ~~damaged.~~

4 ~~—2.—~~ *The] of the endorsed title.*

5 **2.** An insurance company or its authorized agent may sell a
6 vehicle for which a total loss settlement has been made with the
7 properly endorsed ~~[ownership certificate or other evidence of]~~ title if
8 the total loss settlement resulted from the theft of the vehicle and the
9 vehicle, when recovered, was not ~~[damaged to the extent that it was~~
10 ~~required to be rebuilt.]~~ *a salvage vehicle.*

11 **3.** An owner who has determined that a vehicle is a total loss
12 vehicle may sell the vehicle with the properly endorsed ~~[ownership~~
13 ~~certificate or other evidence of]~~ title to a salvage pool, automobile
14 auction, rebuilder, automobile wrecker or a new or used motor
15 vehicle dealer.

16 ~~[3.— Upon the sale of the salvage vehicle, the insurance~~
17 ~~company, salvage pool, automobile auction, leasing company or~~
18 ~~financial institution which sells the salvage vehicle shall issue a bill~~
19 ~~of sale of salvage to the purchaser on a form to be prescribed and~~
20 ~~supplied by the state agency. The state agency shall accept the bill~~
21 ~~of sale of salvage in lieu of the ownership certificate or other~~
22 ~~evidence of title when accompanied by an appropriate application or~~
23 ~~other documents and fees.~~

24 ~~—4.—~~ *When the]*

25 **4.** *Except with respect to a nonrepairable vehicle, if a* salvage
26 vehicle is rebuilt and ~~[to be]~~ restored to operation, the vehicle may
27 not be licensed for operation, *displayed or offered for sale,* or the
28 ownership thereof transferred, until there is submitted to the state
29 agency with the prescribed ~~[bill of sale of]~~ salvage *title,* an
30 appropriate application, other documents and fees required, ~~[and]~~
31 *together with* a certificate of inspection ~~[signed by an employee of~~
32 ~~the state agency attesting to its mechanical fitness and safety.~~

33 ~~—5.—~~ *When] completed pursuant to NRS 487.150.*

34 **5.** *Except with respect to a nonrepairable vehicle, if* a total
35 loss insurance settlement between ~~[the]~~ *an* insurance company and
36 ~~[its insured]~~ *any person* results in the retention of the salvage
37 vehicle by ~~[the insured,]~~ *that person,* the insurance company or its
38 authorized agent shall ~~[, within 30 days after the date of settlement,~~
39 ~~notify the state agency of the retention by its insured upon a form to~~
40 ~~be supplied by the state agency.] :~~

41 *(a) Obtain, upon an application for salvage title, the signature*
42 *of the person who is retaining the salvage vehicle;*

43 *(b) Append to the application for salvage title the title to the*
44 *motor vehicle or an affidavit stating that the original title has been*
45 *lost; and*



1 (c) *Apply to the state agency for a salvage title on behalf of the*
2 *person who is retaining the salvage vehicle.*

3 6. *If the state agency determines that a salvage vehicle*
4 *retained pursuant to subsection 5 is titled in another state or*
5 *territory of the United States, the state agency shall notify the*
6 *appropriate authority of that state or territory that the owner has*
7 *retained the salvage vehicle.*

8 7. *A person who retains a salvage vehicle pursuant to*
9 *subsection 5 may not transfer any ownership interest in the vehicle*
10 *unless he has received a salvage title.*

11 **Sec. 24.** NRS 487.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 487.120 1. If the applicant for a salvage title is unable to
13 furnish the certificates of ownership and registration last issued for
14 the vehicle , ~~for a bill of sale of salvage,~~ the state agency may
15 accept the application, examine the circumstances of the case and
16 require the filing of suitable affidavits or other information or
17 documents. If satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a salvage title,
18 the state agency may issue the salvage title.

19 2. No duplicate certificate of ownership or registration may be
20 issued when a salvage title is applied for, and no fees are required
21 for the affidavits of any stolen, lost or damaged certificate, or
22 duplicates thereof, unless the vehicle is subsequently registered.

23 **Sec. 25.** NRS 487.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 487.150 ~~No~~

25 1. *Except with respect to a nonrepairable vehicle, a* vehicle
26 *for which a salvage title has been issued may not* subsequently be
27 *registered until it has been inspected by* ~~the Department and found~~
28 *a garageman who operates a garage that is registered pursuant to*
29 *NRS 487.560 or by the owner of a body shop licensed pursuant to*
30 *NRS 487.630 or by an employee of such a garage or body shop*
31 *and is certified to be in a safe mechanical condition and equipped*
32 *with all safety* ~~glass~~ *equipment required by the manufacturer.*

33 2. *If a garageman or owner of a body shop, or an employee*
34 *thereof, who performs an inspection pursuant to subsection 1*
35 *finds the vehicle to be in a safe mechanical condition and*
36 *equipped with all safety equipment required by the manufacturer,*
37 *the garageman, owner or employee shall complete and sign a*
38 *certificate of inspection, on a form prescribed by the state agency,*
39 *attesting to the mechanical fitness and safety of the vehicle and to*
40 *any mechanical or other work that was performed on the vehicle*
41 *at the garage or body shop. The certificate of inspection must*
42 *indicate:*

43 (a) *That the vehicle identification number and identification*
44 *numbers, if any, for parts used to repair the motor vehicle have*
45 *been inspected for accuracy;*



- 1 **(b) If used parts were installed in the vehicle during its repair,**
- 2 **that the applicant has provided proof of ownership of such parts;**
- 3 **(c) Each part that was installed in the motor vehicle during the**
- 4 **repair of the vehicle and the identification number inscribed upon**
- 5 **or otherwise affixed to such a part; and**
- 6 **(d) That the motor vehicle has been repaired to the standards**
- 7 **of the manufacturer and any safety equipment, including, without**
- 8 **limitation, any occupant restraint devices, that were present in the**
- 9 **vehicle at the time the vehicle was manufactured are present and**
- 10 **operational to the specifications of the manufacturer.**
- 11 **Sec. 26.** NRS 487.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 12 487.160 1. The Department, after notice and hearing, may
- 13 suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license of an automobile
- 14 wrecker upon determining that the automobile wrecker:
- 15 (a) Is not lawfully entitled thereto;
- 16 (b) Has made, or knowingly or negligently permitted, any illegal
- 17 use of that license;
- 18 (c) Has failed to return a salvage title to the state agency when
- 19 and as required of him by NRS 487.045 ~~to 487.190, inclusive;~~ ,
- 20 **487.110, 487.120, 487.150 and 487.185 and sections 3 to 16,**
- 21 **inclusive, of this act;** or
- 22 (d) Has failed to surrender to the state agency certificates of
- 23 ownership for vehicles before beginning to dismantle or wreck the
- 24 vehicles.
- 25 2. The applicant or licensee may, within 30 days after receipt
- 26 of the notice of refusal, suspension or revocation, petition the
- 27 Department in writing for a hearing.
- 28 3. Hearings under this section and appeals therefrom must be
- 29 conducted in the manner prescribed in NRS 482.353 and 482.354.
- 30 4. The Department may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a
- 31 license of an automobile wrecker, or deny a license to an applicant
- 32 therefor, if the licensee or applicant:
- 33 (a) Does not have or maintain an established place of business in
- 34 this state.
- 35 (b) Made a material misstatement in any application.
- 36 (c) Willfully fails to comply with any *applicable* provision of
- 37 ~~NRS 487.045 to 487.190, inclusive;~~ *this chapter.*
- 38 (d) Fails to furnish and keep in force any bond required by NRS
- 39 487.050 to **487.100, inclusive, and 487.160, 487.170, 487.180,**
- 40 **487.190 [, inclusive.] and 487.200.**
- 41 (e) Fails to discharge any final judgment entered against him
- 42 when the judgment arises out of any misrepresentation of a vehicle,
- 43 trailer or semitrailer.
- 44 (f) Fails to maintain any license or bond required by a political
- 45 subdivision of this state.



1 (g) Has been convicted of a felony.
2 (h) Has been convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor
3 for a violation of a provision of this chapter.

4 (i) Fails or refuses to provide to the Department an authorization
5 for the disclosure of financial records for the business as required
6 pursuant to subsection 7.

7 5. If an application for a license as an automobile wrecker is
8 denied, the applicant may not submit another application for at least
9 6 months after the date of the denial.

10 6. The Department may refuse to review a subsequent
11 application for licensing submitted by any person who violates any
12 provision of this chapter.

13 7. Upon the receipt of any report or complaint alleging that an
14 applicant or a licensee has engaged in financial misconduct or has
15 failed to satisfy any financial obligation related to the business of
16 dismantling, scrapping, processing or wrecking of vehicles, the
17 Department may require the applicant or licensee to submit to the
18 Department an authorization for the disclosure of financial records
19 for the business as provided in NRS 239A.090. The Department
20 may use any information obtained pursuant to such an authorization
21 only to determine the suitability of the applicant or licensee for
22 initial or continued licensure. Information obtained pursuant to such
23 an authorization may be disclosed only to those employees of the
24 Department who are authorized to issue a license to an applicant
25 pursuant to NRS 487.050 to *487.100, inclusive, and 487.160,*
26 *487.170, 487.180, 487.190 and* 487.200, ~~inclusive,~~ or to determine
27 the suitability of an applicant or a licensee for such licensure.

28 8. For the purposes of this section, failure to adhere to the
29 directives of the state agency advising the licensee of his
30 noncompliance with any provision of NRS 487.045 , *487.110,*
31 *487.120, 487.150 and 487.185 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of*
32 *this act and NRS 487.050 to 487.100, inclusive, and 487.160,*
33 *487.170, 487.180, 487.190* ~~inclusive,~~ *and 487.200,* or regulations
34 of the state agency, within 10 days after the receipt of those
35 directives, is prima facie evidence of willful failure to comply.

36 **Sec. 27.** NRS 487.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 487.185 1. A person shall not remove a total loss vehicle
38 from this state for the purpose of selling that vehicle unless the
39 ~~ownership certificate or other evidence of~~ title has been forwarded
40 to the state agency pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of~~ subsection 1 of
41 NRS 487.110.

42 2. A person who violates the provisions of this section:

43 (a) If the value of the vehicle removed from this state is less than
44 \$250, is guilty of a misdemeanor.



1 (b) If the value of the vehicle removed from this state is \$250 or
2 more, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3 **Sec. 28.** NRS 487.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 487.190 The provisions of NRS 487.045 ~~to 487.180,~~
5 ~~inclusive,],~~ *487.110, 487.120, 487.150 and 487.185 and sections 3*
6 *to 16, inclusive, of this act* do not apply to work or service vehicles
7 owned by an automobile wrecker ~~if~~ *if such a vehicle is being used*
8 *solely at the place of business of the automobile wrecker that has*
9 *been reported to the Department pursuant to NRS 487.073.*

10 **Sec. 29.** NRS 487.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 487.200 ~~Unless a greater penalty is provided in NRS 487.185,~~
12 ~~any] Any~~ person who violates any of the provisions of NRS
13 ~~[487.045 to 487.190,] 487.050 to 487.100, inclusive, and 487.160,~~
14 ~~487.170, 487.180, 487.190 and 487.200,~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

15 **Sec. 30.** NRS 487.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 487.250 1. The state agency or political subdivision shall,
17 within 48 hours after the appraisal, notify the head of the state
18 agency of the removal of the vehicle. The notice must contain:

- 19 (a) A description of the vehicle.
20 (b) The appraised value of the vehicle.
21 (c) A statement as to whether the vehicle will be junked,
22 dismantled or otherwise disposed of.

23 2. The person who removed the vehicle must notify the
24 registered owner and any person having a security interest in the
25 vehicle by registered or certified mail that the vehicle has been
26 removed and will be junked or dismantled or otherwise disposed of
27 unless the registered owner or the person having a security interest
28 in the vehicle responds and pays the costs of removal.

29 3. Failure to reclaim within 15 days after notification a vehicle
30 appraised at \$500 or less constitutes a waiver of interest in the
31 vehicle by any person having an interest in the vehicle.

32 4. If all recorded interests in a vehicle appraised at \$500 or less
33 are waived, either as provided in subsection 3 or by written
34 disclaimer by any person having an interest in the vehicle, the state
35 agency shall issue a salvage title *pursuant to section 16 of this act*
36 to the automobile wrecker who towed the vehicle or to whom the
37 vehicle may have been delivered, or a certificate of ownership to the
38 garage owner if he elects to retain the vehicle and the vehicle is
39 equipped as required by chapter 484 of NRS.

40 **Sec. 31.** NRS 487.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
41 487.270 1. Whenever a vehicle has been removed to a garage
42 or other place as provided by NRS 487.230, the owner of the garage
43 or the automobile wrecker who towed the vehicle has a lien on the
44 vehicle for the costs of towing and storing for a period not
45 exceeding 90 days.



1 2. If the vehicle is appraised at a value of \$500 or less and is
2 not reclaimed within the period prescribed in NRS 487.250, the
3 owner of the garage or automobile wrecker may satisfy his lien by
4 retaining the vehicle and obtaining a certificate of ownership thereto
5 or a salvage title as provided in ~~[NRS 487.250.]~~ *section 16 of this*
6 *act.*

7 3. If the vehicle is appraised at a value of more than \$500 and
8 is not reclaimed within 45 days, the owner of the garage or
9 automobile wrecker may satisfy his lien, in accordance with the
10 provisions of NRS 108.265 to 108.360, inclusive.

11 **Sec. 32.** NRS 487.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 487.450 1. The Department shall charge and collect a fee of
13 \$300 for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a salvage
14 pool.

15 2. Fees collected by the Department pursuant to this section
16 must be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the
17 Account for Regulation of Salvage Pools, Automobile Wreckers,
18 Body Shops and Garages which is hereby created in the State
19 General Fund. Money in the Account may be used only for the
20 administration of NRS 487.002, ~~[487.045 to 487.200, inclusive,]~~
21 *487.050 to 487.100, inclusive, and 487.160, 487.170, 487.180,*
22 *487.190 and 487.200* and 487.400 to 487.690, inclusive.

23 **Sec. 33.** NRS 487.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 487.480 1. Before an operator of a salvage pool sells any
25 vehicle subject to registration pursuant to the laws of this state, he
26 must have in his possession the certificate of ownership or ~~[a bill of~~
27 ~~sale of salvage]~~ *title for a vehicle obtained pursuant to subsection*
28 *2 of NRS 487.110 or the salvage title* for that vehicle. ~~[He shall,~~
29 ~~within 10 days after completion of the transaction, forward the~~
30 ~~certificate of ownership or bill of sale of salvage to the Department.]~~
31 The Department shall not issue a certificate of registration or
32 certificate of ownership for a vehicle with the same identification
33 number if the vehicle was manufactured in the 5 years preceding the
34 date on which the ~~[operator forwards the certificates to the~~
35 ~~Department,]~~ *salvage title was issued,* unless the Department
36 authorizes the restoration of the vehicle pursuant to subsection 2 of
37 NRS 482.553.

38 2. Upon sale of the vehicle, the operator of the salvage pool
39 shall provide a ~~[bill of sale of]~~ salvage *title* to the licensed
40 automobile wrecker, dealer of new or used motor vehicles or
41 rebuilder ~~[on a form prescribed and supplied by the Department.~~
42 ~~The Department shall accept the bill of sale of salvage in lieu of the~~
43 ~~certificate of ownership or other evidence of title from the:~~
44 ~~—(a) Automobile wrecker, if the bill of sale of salvage is~~
45 ~~accompanied by an appropriate application for a salvage title; or~~



1 ~~—(b) Dealer of new or used motor vehicles or rebuilder when he~~
2 ~~licenses the vehicle for operation or transfers ownership of it, if the~~
3 ~~bill of sale of salvage is accompanied by an appropriate application,~~
4 ~~all other required documents and fees, and a certificate of inspection~~
5 ~~signed by an employee of the Department attesting to the~~
6 ~~mechanical fitness and safety of the vehicle.~~

7 ~~—3. The Department may issue to:~~

8 ~~—(a) The licensed automobile wrecker;~~

9 ~~—(b) A licensed operator of a salvage pool;~~

10 ~~—(c) A dealer of new or used motor vehicles who is licensed in~~
11 ~~another state or foreign country and is registered with a salvage~~
12 ~~pool; or~~

13 ~~—(d) An automobile wrecker or dismantler who is licensed in~~
14 ~~another state or foreign country and is registered with a salvage~~
15 ~~pool;~~

16 ~~a salvage title that contains a brief description of the vehicle,~~
17 ~~including, insofar as data may exist with respect to the vehicle, the~~
18 ~~make, type, serial number and motor number, or any other number~~
19 ~~of the vehicle. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~
20 ~~Department shall charge and collect a fee of \$10 for the issuance of~~
21 ~~a salvage title pursuant to this subsection. The Department shall not~~
22 ~~charge such a fee for the issuance of a salvage title to an automobile~~
23 ~~wrecker licensed in this state. Fees collected by the Department~~
24 ~~pursuant to this subsection must be deposited with the State~~
25 ~~Treasurer to the credit of the Account for Regulation of Salvage~~
26 ~~Pools, Automobile Wreckers, Body Shops and Garages. Possession~~
27 ~~of a salvage title does not entitle a person to dismantle, scrap,~~
28 ~~process or wreck any vehicle in this state unless the person holds a~~
29 ~~license issued pursuant to NRS 487.050.] *who purchased the*~~
30 ~~*vehicle.*~~

31 **Sec. 34.** NRS 487.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:
32 487.530 As used in NRS 487.530 to 487.570, inclusive, *and*
33 *sections 17, 18 and 19 of this act*, unless the context otherwise
34 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 487.535 to 487.550,
35 inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

36 **Sec. 35.** NRS 487.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:
37 487.650 1. The Department may refuse to issue a license or,
38 after notice and hearing, may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a
39 license to operate a body shop upon any of the following grounds:

40 (a) Failure of the applicant or licensee to have or maintain an
41 established place of business in this state.

42 (b) Conviction of the ~~{operator}~~ *applicant or licensee or an*
43 *employee of the applicant or licensee* of a felony, or of a
44 misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor for a violation of a provision of
45 this chapter.



1 (c) Any material misstatement in the application for the license.
2 (d) Willful failure of the applicant or ~~operator~~ licensee to
3 comply with the motor vehicle laws of this state ~~and~~ and NRS
4 487.035, 487.610 to 487.690, inclusive, or 597.480 to 597.590,
5 inclusive.

6 (e) Failure or refusal by the licensee to pay or otherwise
7 discharge any final judgment against him arising out of the
8 operation of the body shop.

9 (f) Failure or refusal to provide to the Department an
10 authorization for the disclosure of financial records for the business
11 as required pursuant to subsection 2.

12 (g) *A finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction in a*
13 *case involving a fraudulent inspection, purchase, sale or transfer*
14 *of a salvage vehicle by the applicant or licensee or an employee of*
15 *the applicant or licensee.*

16 (h) *An improper, careless or negligent inspection of a salvage*
17 *vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.110 by the applicant or licensee or an*
18 *employee of the applicant or licensee.*

19 (i) *A false statement of material fact in a certification of a*
20 *salvage vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.110 or a record regarding a*
21 *salvage vehicle by the applicant or licensee or an employee of the*
22 *applicant or licensee.*

23 2. Upon the receipt of any report or complaint alleging that an
24 applicant or a licensee has engaged in financial misconduct or has
25 failed to satisfy financial obligations related to the operation of a
26 body shop, the Department may require the applicant or licensee to
27 submit to the Department an authorization for the disclosure of
28 financial records for the business as provided in NRS 239A.090.
29 The Department may use any information obtained pursuant to such
30 an authorization only to determine the suitability of the applicant or
31 licensee for initial or continued licensure. Information obtained
32 pursuant to such an authorization may be disclosed only to those
33 employees of the Department who are authorized to issue a license
34 to an applicant pursuant to NRS 487.610 to 487.690, inclusive, or to
35 determine the suitability of an applicant or a licensee for such
36 licensure.

37 3. *As used in this section, "salvage vehicle" has the meaning*
38 *ascribed to it in section 9 of this act.*

39 **Sec. 36.** NRS 487.130 is hereby repealed.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

487.130 Transfer of title without fee when vehicle acquired for dismantling or wrecking. If any person acquires a vehicle as transferee for the purpose of dismantling or wrecking it, the title to the vehicle must be transferred to the person without payment of any fee upon application for the issuance of a salvage title.

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