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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; requiring disclosure of cause of damage on motor vehicle
1.3 salvage titles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168A.151, subdivision
1.4 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168A.151, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Salvage titles. (a) When an insurer, licensed to conduct business in
1.8 Minnesota, acquires ownership of a late-model or high-value vehicle through payment of
1.9 damages, the insurer shall immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title or shall stamp
1.10 the existing certificate of title with the legend "SALVAGE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE" in
1.11 a manner prescribed by the department. Within ten days of obtaining the title of a vehicle
1.12 through payment of damages, an insurer must notify the department in a manner prescribed
1.13 by the department-, which shall identify the nature of the damage to the vehicle, including
1.14 whether the damage was due to:

1.15 (1) flood;

1.16 (2) hail;

1.17 (3) fire; or

1.18 (4) collision.

1.19 (b) A person shall immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title if the person acquires
1.20 a damaged late-model or high-value vehicle with an out-of-state title and the vehicle:

1.21 (1) is a vehicle that was acquired by an insurer through payment of damages;

- 2.1 (2) is a vehicle for which the cost of repairs exceeds the value of the damaged vehicle;
- 2.2 or
- 2.3 (3) has an out-of-state salvage certificate of title as proof of ownership.
- 2.4 (c) A self-insured owner of a late-model or high-value vehicle that sustains damage by
- 2.5 collision or other occurrence which exceeds 80 percent of its actual cash value shall
- 2.6 immediately apply for a salvage certificate of title.