A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Section 286-48, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
3	"(a) Whenever a motor vehicle subject to registration
4	under this part is sold as salvage or conveyed to an insurance
5	company, in the ordinary course of business or as the result of
6	a total loss insurance settlement where the insurance company
7	receives the certificates of registration and ownership, the
8	purchaser or, if an insurance company its authorized agent,
9	shall within ten days from the purchase, or the settlement of
10	the insurance loss, forward the motor vehicle's endorsed
11	certificate of ownership or other evidence of title, certificate
12	of registration, license plates, and an application for a
13	salvage certificate as provided for in section 286-44.5, to the
14	director of finance[-]; provided that:
15	(1) If the certificate of registration or one or both
16	license plates are lost, an affidavit, duly notarized
17	and signed by the party responsible for the compliance
18	of this section stating that the party has no

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1		knowledge of the location of the certificate of		
2		registration or the license plates, shall be filed		
3		with the director of finance of the county having		
4		jurisdiction over the vehicle. In any event the		
5		certificate of ownership or other evidence of title		
6	-	shall be forwarded to the director of finance[-]; and		
7	(2)	If the owner of the motor vehicle fails to provide or		
8		assign the motor vehicle's endorsed certificate of		
9		ownership to the insurance company within thirty days		
10		after the payment or settlement of the claim pursuant		
11		to this section, the insurance company shall, within		
12		thirty days after the expiration of that thirty-day		
13		period, forward an application for a salvage		
14		certificate to the director of finance. The director		
15		shall issue a salvage certificate to the insurance		
16		company for the vehicle upon receipt of:		
17		(A) The application;		
18		(B) Proof of payment of the claim;		
19		(C) Proof of notice sent to the registered owner by		
20		certified mail requesting the properly endorsed		
21		certificate of ownership or any documentation		
22		necessary to effect the proper assignment of the		

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1		certificate of ownership for the motor vehicle;		
2		and		
3	(D)	Proof that the notice was received or returned as		
4		undeliverable.		
5	(b) Upon	receipt of the certificate of ownership,		
6	certificate of	registration, license plates, and application for		
7	a salvage cert:	ificate, the director of finance shall issue a		
8	salvage certificate in the name of the purchaser or insurance			
9	company. The	director's issuance of the salvage certificate		
10	shall extinguis	sh all existing liens against the vehicle. The		
11	insurance company shall relieve the director of finance of all			
12	liability, civil or criminal, resulting from the issuance of the			
13	salvage certificate to the insurance company."			
14	SECTION 2	. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed		
15	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.			
16	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect sixty days after its			
17	approval.			
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Report Title:

Salvaged Motor Vehicles; Salvage Certificate; Insurance

Description:

Adds provisions to allow for a salvage application to be submitted without the certificate of ownership.

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