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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1735

By: Representative Payton

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
DISCLOSURE OF DAMAGE AND REPAIR ON A CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
DISCLOSURE OF DAMAGE AND REPAIR ON A
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2301(6) and (7), concerning definitions regarding disclosure of damage or repair of a motor vehicle on the certificate of title, are amended to read as follows:

(6) "Salvage vehicle" means a motor vehicle that ~~is~~:

(A) ~~Water-damaged~~ Is water damaged; or

(B) ~~Sustains any other~~ Sustained damage ~~in an amount equal to or exceeding~~ totaling at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and at least seventy percent (70%) of its average retail value as determined under criteria established by rule of the Office of Motor Vehicle; and

(7) "Water-damaged" means damage to a motor vehicle ~~caused by submerging or partially submerging the motor vehicle in water to the extent that the motor vehicle was submerged or partially submerged at any water level above the dashboard of the motor vehicle~~, regardless of the actual dollar amount of the damage, caused by water that:

(A) Saturated or contaminated an electronic component or electrical system necessary for the safe and reliable operation of the motor



vehicle; or

(B) Rose to the point that it covered the motor vehicle's door sill and entered the passenger compartment.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2305 is amended to read as follows:

27-14-2305. ~~Applicability of subchapter~~ Retention of brand.

~~(a) The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to motor vehicles more than seven (7) model years old prior to the calendar year of the occurrence.~~

~~(b)~~ Any title that is branded pursuant to this subchapter shall retain the brand on the title for the life of the vehicle.