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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1419

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MOTOR VEHICLE  
ADMINISTRATION, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, AND ANTITHEFT  
ACT, § 27-14-101 ET SEQ.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MOTOR VEHICLE  
ADMINISTRATION, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, AND  
ANTITHEFT ACT, § 27-14-101 ET SEQ.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2301(6), concerning the definition of "salvage title," is amended to read as follows:

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

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

~~(B)(ii) Sustains any other~~ Has sustained damage ~~in~~  
~~an amount equal to or exceeding~~ totaling at least four thousand dollars  
(\$4,000) and at least seventy percent (70%) of its average retail value as  
~~determined under criteria established by rule of the Office of Motor Vehicle~~  
listed in the current southwestern regional National Automobile Dealers  
Association's Official Price Guide, or other source approved by the Office of  
Motor Vehicle.

(B) A motor vehicle that has damage of at least one  
hundred twenty percent (120%) of its average retail value as listed in the  
current southwestern regional NADA Official Used Car Guide is considered a  
parts-only salvage vehicle for tax purposes; and



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2302(a)(3), concerning the issuance of a damage or salvage certificate of title, is amended to read as follows:

(3) ~~If a person other than an insurer owns a~~ The owner of a salvage vehicle for which a salvage vehicle title has not been issued, ~~the owner shall~~ may:

~~(A) surrender the certificate of title for the salvage vehicle to the office within thirty (30) days following the date that the motor vehicle became a salvage vehicle~~ Assign the certificate of title to a person licensed under § 27-14-2001 if that person surrenders the certificate of title for the salvage vehicle to the office within thirty (30) days after assignment of the salvage vehicle and obtains a salvage vehicle title under this section; or

~~(B) Retain the salvage vehicle if the owner:~~

~~(i) Surrenders the certificate of title for the salvage vehicle to the office within thirty (30) days after the date that the motor vehicle became a salvage vehicle; and~~

~~(ii) Obtains a salvage vehicle title under this section.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2302(g)(1), concerning the issuance of a damage or salvage certificate of title, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) If an insurer has the responsibility under this subchapter to surrender the certificate of title on a salvage vehicle for which it has taken title or to notify the office that a motor vehicle is a salvage vehicle, prior salvage vehicle, or "parts only" vehicle, the insurer or a person licensed under § 27-14-2001 may delegate its responsibility to surrender the certificate of title or to notify the office to:

~~(A) a~~ A servicing organization; or

~~(B) to a~~ A buyer of the salvage vehicle from the insurer if the buyer is licensed under § 27-14-2001 as a dealer or wrecker.

SECTION 4 Arkansas Code § 27-14-2302(h)(2), concerning the issuance of a damage or salvage certificate of title, is repealed.

~~(2) An owner under this subsection may be an insurer that owns the salvage vehicle.~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-14-2302, concerning the issuance of a damage or salvage certificate of title, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i) An owner under this section includes an insurer that owns the salvage vehicle.