

Accompanying the ninth recommendation of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 251). Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE SALVAGE LAW.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90D of the General Laws is hereby amended by deleting  
2 section 20 and inserting in place thereof the following new sec-  
3 tion: —

4 *Section 20.* Cancellation upon scrapping, etc., of vehicle.

5 (a) When a vehicle is sold for salvage, as a result of a total loss of  
6 an insurance settlement, the insurance company, or its authorized  
7 agent shall within 10 days from the date of settlement surrender the  
8 Certificate of Title to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and apply for  
9 a Certificate of Salvage. The Registry of Motor Vehicles shall issue  
10 a Certificate of Salvage on a form prescribed by the registrar in the  
11 name of the insurance company. Upon receipt of the Certificate of  
12 Salvage, the insurance company or its agent shall endorse the  
13 assignment of ownership and forward the Certificate of Salvage  
14 promptly to the transferee purchasing the vehicle for salvage. The  
15 vehicle may not be titled or registered for operation on the high-  
16 ways of Massachusetts unless there is compliance with subsection  
17 (c) below.

18 (b) Any person who scraps, dismantles, or destroys a vehicle  
19 shall unless the vehicle is sold to a salvage or junk dealer, surrender  
20 the Certificate of Title and vehicle identification number plate to  
21 the Registry of Motor Vehicles for cancellation. Any person who  
22 purchases a motor vehicle as salvage, scrap, or to be dismantled or  
23 destroyed shall immediately cause the Certificate of Title and  
24 vehicle identification number plate to be mailed to the Registry of

25 Motor Vehicles, and further, such person shall if the vehicle is to be  
26 restored or rebuilt for operation on the highways of the Common-  
27 wealth obtain a Certificate of Salvage and comply with paragraph  
28 (c) below.

29 (c) If the salvage vehicle is rebuilt and restored for operation on  
30 the highways of Massachusetts, the vehicle may not be titled or  
31 registered for operation unless the vehicle is inspected and if neces-  
32 sary a new vehicle identification number plate is assigned to the  
33 vehicle by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

34 (d) The Registry of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of \$5.00 for  
35 the issuance of a Certificate of Salvage.

36 (e) The Registry of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of \$25.00  
37 for each inspection made pursuant to this act.

38 (f) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be pun-  
39 ished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the  
40 state prison for not more than five years or in a jail or house of  
41 correction for not more than two years, or both.