

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1605 of the Code of Virginia, relating to salvage vehicle*
3 *examination fees.*

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5 Approved

[S 139]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 46.2-1605 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 46.2-1605. Vehicles repaired or rebuilt for highway use; examinations; branding of titles.

9 Each salvage vehicle that has been repaired or rebuilt for use on the highways shall be examined by
10 the Department prior to the issuance of a title for the vehicle. The examination shall include a review of
11 all documentation for the parts and labor used for the repair of the salvage vehicle and a verification of
12 the vehicle's identification number, confidential number, and odometer reading. The Commissioner shall
13 ensure that, in scheduling and performing examinations of salvage vehicles under this section, single
14 vehicles owned by private owner-operators are afforded no lower priority than examinations of vehicles
15 owned by motor vehicle dealers, salvage dealers, demolishers, rebuilders, salvage pools, or vehicle
16 removal operators. The Commissioner may charge an appropriate fee, not to exceed twenty-five dollars
17 per vehicle, for the examination of *repaired and* rebuilt vehicles.

18 Any salvage vehicle whose vehicle identification number or confidential number has been altered, is
19 missing, or appears to have been tampered with may be impounded by the Department until completion
20 of an investigation by the Department. The vehicle may not be moved, sold, or tampered with until the
21 completion of this investigation. Upon completion of an investigation by the Department, if the vehicle
22 identification number is found to be missing or altered, a new vehicle identification number may be
23 issued by the Department. If the vehicle is found to be a stolen vehicle and its owner can be
24 determined, the vehicle shall be returned to him. If the owner cannot be determined or located and the
25 person seeking to title the vehicle has been convicted of a violation of § 46.2-1074 or § 46.2-1075, the
26 vehicle shall be deemed forfeited to the Commonwealth. Each such vehicle shall be sold at public
27 auction and the proceeds thereof, after satisfaction of any liens, returned to the state treasury for use by
28 the Department. If the Department's examination of a repaired or rebuilt salvage vehicle indicates no
29 irregularities, a title and registration may be issued for the vehicle upon application therefor to the
30 Department by the owner of the salvage vehicle. If the vehicle is a rebuilt vehicle, the title issued by the
31 Department and any subsequent title thereafter issued for the vehicle shall be permanently branded to
32 indicate that it is a rebuilt vehicle. If the repaired vehicle is not a rebuilt vehicle, the Department shall
33 issue a certificate of title without branding. All rebuilt vehicles shall be subject to all safety equipment
34 requirements provided by law. No title or registration shall be issued by the Department for any vehicle
35 for which a nonrepairable certificate has ever been issued.