

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE PINAC

MTR VEHICLE/REGISTRATION: Provides that "total loss" water-damaged vehicles acquired by insurance companies shall not be issued a reconstructed title and shall be dismantled, crushed, or scrapped (Item #13)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:702(14) and 707(I)(1)(c), relative to vehicles sustaining water damage as
3 the result of a declared disaster; to provide for a definition; to provide for disposal
4 of water-damaged vehicles pursuant to an insurance settlement; to provide for
5 restriction on transfer; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:702(14) and 707(I)(1)(c) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §702. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter:

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11 (14) "Water-damaged vehicle" means any vehicle, other than an antique
12 vehicle, whose power train, computer, or electrical system has been damaged by
13 flooding as the result of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

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15 §707. Application for certificates of title; exception; salvage title; restriction on
16 transfer; antique vehicles; reconstructed title

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property damages claim and send the certificate of title to the office of motor vehicles along with an application for a salvage title in the name of the insurance company.

Proposed law provides that no water-damaged vehicle that is declared a total loss shall be issued a reconstructed title or otherwise registered by the office of motor vehicles for use on the roads or highways of this state.

Proposed law provides that no water-damaged vehicle which is declared a total loss shall be resold as a retail unit, and such vehicle shall be dismantled, crushed, or scrapped pursuant to present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:702(14) and 707(I)(1)(c))