168A.152 USE AND CERTIFICATION OF TITLE; INSPECTION FEE.

Subdivision 1. **Certificate of inspection.** (a) A certificate of title that bears a "salvage" brand or stamp authorizes the holder to possess, transport, and transfer ownership in a vehicle. A certificate of title that bears a "salvage" brand or stamp does not authorize the holder to register a vehicle.

(b) For a late-model or high-value vehicle with a certificate of title that bears a "salvage" brand or stamp, the commissioner must not issue a certificate of title that bears a "prior salvage" brand unless the application for title is accompanied by a certification of inspection in the form and content specified by the department.

Subd. 1a. **Duties of salvage vehicle purchaser.** No salvage vehicle purchaser shall possess or retain a salvage vehicle which does not have a certificate of title that bears a "salvage" or "prior salvage" brand or stamp. The salvage vehicle purchaser must display the certificate of title upon the request of any appropriate public authority.

Subd. 2. **Inspection fee; proceeds allocated.** (a) A fee of $35 must be paid to the department before the department issues a certificate of title for a vehicle that has been inspected and for which a certificate of inspection has been issued pursuant to subdivision 1. The only additional fee that may be assessed for issuing the certificate of title is the filing fee imposed under section 168.33, subdivision 7.

(b) Of the fee collected by the department under this subdivision, for conducting inspections under subdivision 1, $20 must be deposited in the general fund and the remainder of the fee collected must be deposited in the driver and vehicle services operating account under section 299A.705.

History: *1988 c 496 s 20; 1989 c 342 s 15; 1990 c 446 s 3; 1991 c 124 s 1; 1993 c 93 s 12; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 2 s 32; 2022 c 57 s 7,8; 2023 c 68 art 7 s 9*