"Junk", “Parts Only”, and “Scrap” Motor Vehicles

(1) Suspension, Revocation, and Non-Issuance of “Junk”, “Parts Only”, and “Scrap” Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title.

(a) A certificate of title will be suspended or revoked when a motor vehicle has been scrapped, dismantled, or destroyed.

(b) A certificate of title will not be issued for the following:

1. A motor vehicle previously issued a “junk” or “parts only” certificate of title or an equivalent certificate of title from another jurisdiction.

2. A motor vehicle where the frame or the majority of the major component parts, as defined in §32-8-87, Code of Ala. 1975, were obtained from a “junk” vehicle.

3. An out of state motor vehicle with a certificate of title notation of junk, parts car, parts only, or non-rebuildable, or bills-of-sale issued for transfer of the motor vehicle with similar notation.

(2) Motor Vehicles Acquired for Dismantling, Crushing, or Remelting Purposes.

(a) Licensed automotive dismantler and parts recyclers, secondary metals recyclers, or any person who acquires a motor vehicle for the purpose of dismantling or crushing the motor vehicle or recycling it into metallic scrap for remelting must:

1. Obtain the current properly transferred certificate of title, unless otherwise provided for in paragraph 1.

2. Electronically submit a notice of cancellation through the department’s SCRAP Portal.

3. Obtain a notice receipt with a unique confirmation number from the department.

(b) If a motor vehicle being dismantled, crushed, or recycled into metallic scrap for remelting purposes is worth one thousand dollars ($1000) or less and is at least 12 model years old, a Notice of Motor Vehicle Acquisition for Purpose of Dismantling or Recycling into Metallic Scrap (form MVT 5-18) may be electronically completed through the SCRAP portal when the owner or authorized agent of the owner has not obtained a title in his or her name. Original signed documents must be maintained for a period of not less than five years.

(3) Out-of-State Recycler’s Notice of Junk Vehicle Cancellation.
(a) An automotive dismantler and parts recycler, or secondary metals recycler, located outside of Alabama, who acquires a motor vehicle and the properly assigned Alabama certificate of title for the purpose of dismantling the motor vehicle or recycling it into metallic scrap may, upon proper registration and payment of the fee(s) as specified in paragraph (4) of this rule, may utilize the department's SCRAP portal to provide notice of junk vehicle cancellation to the department.

(b) Any person, as defined in §32-8-2, Code of Ala. 1975, located outside of this state not registered pursuant to paragraph (3)(a) may submit a Notice of Junk, Parts Only, or Scrap Vehicle (Form MVT 5-48) with the properly assigned Alabama certificate of title to provide notice of junk vehicle cancellation to the department.

(4) SCRAP Portal Fees and Transactions.

(a) An automotive dismantler and parts recycler, or secondary metals recyclers is subject to either of the following fees provided under Section 32-8-87:

1. A per electronic transaction fee.

2. An annual fee for all transactions made during the fiscal year. The annual fee is to be paid on a fiscal year basis, beginning October 1 of each fiscal year and is applicable for each location or licensee.

(b) Incomplete SCRAP Portal transactions will be voided within 3 days of the initial filing date.

(c) A motor vehicle previously reported as scrap through the department's SCRAP Portal is not required to be reported again by a party who has subsequently acquired the motor vehicle for the purpose of dismantling the motor vehicle or recycling it into metallic scrap. A copy of the receipt will serve as evidence.

(5) The requirement of obtaining a salvage title in accordance with §32-8-87 Code of Ala. 1975, will not be affected by this rule.

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