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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/18/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

1/8/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 167](file:///h:\hj\20190108.docx))

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2/7/2019 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h:\hj\20190207.docx))

2/12/2019 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190212.docx))

2/12/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20190212.docx))

2/12/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑109 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20190212.docx))

2/13/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20190213.docx))

2/13/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20190213.docx))

2/13/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20190213.docx))

3/20/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20190320.docx))

3/26/2019 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\sj\20190326.docx))

3/26/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\sj\20190326.docx))

3/27/2019 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20190327.docx))

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4/3/2019 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑19‑480, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER AND SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, LICENSE PLATES, REGISTRATION CARDS, AND MANUFACTURERS’ SPECIAL PLATES FOR VEHICLES SOLD AS SALVAGE, ABANDONED, SCRAPPED, OR DESTROYED, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A VEHICLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN A CLAIMANT FAILS TO DELIVER THE TITLE TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Certificate of title**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑19‑480(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) If a vehicle is acquired by an insurance company in settlement of a claim to the vehicle by fire, flood, collision, or other causes, or is left with the claimant after being declared a total loss by the insurance company, the company or its agent immediately shall deliver to the department the certificate of title together with a report indicating the type and severity of damage to the vehicle. If an insurance company or its agent is unable to obtain the certificate of title from the claimant within thirty days after acceptance by the claimant of an offer in settlement of total loss, the insurance company or its agent, on a form provided by the department, may submit an application to the department for a salvage certificate of title. The application shall include evidence that the insurance company or its agent has fulfilled its settlement with and made two or more written attempts to obtain the certificate of title from the claimant. At such time as the insurance company may thereafter transfer the damaged vehicle, the company or its agent shall notify the department to whom the transfer was made on a form prescribed by the department. Notwithstanding another provision of law, when an insurance company obtains title to a vehicle from settling a total loss claim, the insurance company may obtain a title to the vehicle designated as ‘salvage’. The insurance company must pay the title fee contained in Section 56‑19‑420.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 3rd day of April, 2019.

Approved the 3rd day of April, 2019.

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