



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 170
[2017 Senate Bill 246]

**Acquisition of Motor Vehicles by
Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers**

Previous law prohibited motor vehicle salvage dealers from acquiring a motor vehicle for the purpose of wrecking or junking the motor vehicle if the motor vehicle's certificate of title identified a holder of a security interest in the motor vehicle. Similarly, previous law prohibited scrap metal dealers from acquiring a motor vehicle for ferrous scrap, nonferrous scrap, metal articles, or proprietary articles if the motor vehicle's certificate of title identified a holder of security interest in the motor vehicle.

2017 Wisconsin Act 170 amends the definition of a motor vehicle salvage dealer to include a scrap metal processor or a scrap metal dealer who acquires a motor vehicle for scrap or salvage. Under the Act, a licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer may acquire a vehicle for the purpose of wrecking or junking the motor vehicle when the certificate of title for the motor vehicle identifies a holder of a security interest, provided that the dealer pays the outstanding amount of the obligation represented by the security interest in full to the holder of the security interest when obtaining the certificate of title for the vehicle.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.