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## CHAPTER 100

**AN ACT** to create section 1636—54a of the statutes, relating to the offense of destroying the identification marks upon automobiles, motorcycles and other similar motor vehicles, and of buying, selling, receiving, disposing of, concealing or having in possession automobiles, motorcycles, or other similar vehicles upon which the identification marks have been destroyed and providing a penalty therefor.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1636—54a. Any person who removes, defaces, alters, destroys or changes the manufacturers' serial number upon any automobile, motorcycle or other similar motor vehicle for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of such motor vehicle, and any person who buys, sells, disposes of, conceals, receives or has in his possession any automobile, motorcycle, or similar motor vehicle with knowledge that the manufacturers' serial number thereof has been removed, defaced, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of said motor vehicle, shall be deemed guilty of an offense under this law and shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

**SECTION 2:** The fact that a person buys, sells, disposes of, conceals, receives, or has in his possession any such motor vehicle from which the manufacturers' serial number has been removed, defaced, altered or destroyed, shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person had knowledge of such removal, defacement, alteration, or destruction, and that the same was done for the purpose of concealment or misrepresenting the identity of such motor vehicle.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon passage and publication. L

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