

HB 2202 -- SCRAP METAL OPERATORS

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Currently, scrap metal operators are exempt from the requirement to obtain an original certificate of title, salvage title, or junking certificate if a vehicle or its parts are more than 10 years old after certifying that there is no lien on the motor vehicle. This bill adds that the vehicle also cannot have been titled or registered with the Department of Revenue in the previous two years.

Currently, if a motor vehicle is more than 20 years old, a scrap metal operator is not required to conduct a lien search. The bill repeals this provision, makes it a class A misdemeanor when a scrap metal operator fails to comply with the requirements and a seller who fails to comply with the requirements is civilly liable to the motor vehicle owner for damages, penalties, court costs and reasonable attorney fees.