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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RHODE ISLAND SALVAGE LAW

Introduced By: Representatives S Lima, Casey, Felix, and Phillips

Date Introduced: February 26, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-46-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-46 entitled "Rhode Island
2 Salvage Law" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-46-1. Duty of insurance company.**

4 (a) Any insurance company taking possession of a motor vehicle for which a certificate of
5 title has been issued in this state, that has been declared a total loss because of damage to that
6 vehicle, in settlement of a claim for damage or theft shall within ten (10) days deliver to the division
7 of motor vehicles the certificate of title of that vehicle and obtain a salvage certificate of title for
8 that vehicle as prescribed for by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on a power of attorney or other
10 document supporting an application for a certificate of ownership or salvage certificate of title by
11 an insurer or an agent of an insurer, the signature or electronic signature of the owner who has
12 received or is to receive a total loss settlement from the insurer shall not require notarization.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would eliminate the notarization requirement for various certificates filed by
2 insurance companies.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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