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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: Senator Stephen R. Archambault

Date Introduced: April 08, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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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