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TO: Michigan Repair Facility Owners & Vehicle Dealers

FROM: Michigan Department of State
Office of Investigative Services

SUBJECT: **NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A SALVAGE
REBUILT TITLE**

Effective **March 22, 2017**, applications for a salvage recertification (rebuilt salvage title) will require additional documentation. Public Act 369 of 2016 amends section 217c of the Michigan Vehicle Code [MCL 257.217c]. The amendments include a new section 217c(13)(d) that adds an additional inspection requirement indicating that any repairs performed on the salvage vehicle were completed properly. The new section states:

That any repairs performed on the vehicle were done in a workmanlike manner, as certified on a form provided by the department by a properly licensed mechanic in the appropriate specialty.

The new language requires a salvage vehicle inspector certify during the inspection that the applicant has included the new department form signed by a licensed mechanic. A revised [Application for Salvage Vehicle Inspection \(TR-13A\)](#) will be available and can be accessed on the Department's website by clicking on the following link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/tr-13a_18951_7.pdf

The revised TR-13A requires that a mechanic certified in the appropriate categories certify that all repairs performed were completed in a manner compliant with acceptable industry standards. The applicant is responsible for providing the completed form to the inspector.

Repair facilities providing services to rebuild a salvage titled vehicle must comply with all facets of the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act. This includes but is not limited to providing an estimate to the customer before repairs begin, ensuring mechanics performing repairs are certified in the proper categories and providing customers with a final invoice of the services performed.

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