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The Committee on Transportation (Bullard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 82 and 83
insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 319.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.33 Offenses involving vehicle identification numbers, applications, certificates, papers; penalty.—

(7) (a) 1. If all identifying numbers of a motor vehicle or mobile home do not exist or have been destroyed, removed,



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12 covered, altered, or defaced, or if the real identity of the
13 motor vehicle or mobile home cannot be determined, the motor
14 vehicle or mobile home shall constitute contraband and shall be
15 subject to forfeiture by a seizing law enforcement agency,
16 pursuant to applicable provisions of ss. 932.701-932.704. Such
17 motor vehicle shall not be operated on the streets and highways
18 of the state unless, by written order of a court of competent
19 jurisdiction, the department is directed to assign to the
20 vehicle a replacement vehicle identification number which shall
21 thereafter be used for identification purposes. If the motor
22 vehicle is confiscated from a licensed motor vehicle dealer as
23 defined in s. 320.27, the dealer's license shall be revoked.

24 2. If such motor vehicle or mobile home is found abandoned
25 on private property and there is no discernable manner by which
26 an owner, potential owner, or anyone having any interest in the
27 motor vehicle or mobile home can be ascertained by a law
28 enforcement agency and the owner of the private property
29 disclaims any ownership interest in the motor vehicle or mobile
30 home whatsoever, the law enforcement agency may follow the
31 procedures for abandoned property contained in s. 705.103 in
32 lieu of the forfeiture provisions of ss. 932.701-932.704.
33 Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 1., the
34 department may assign to such vehicle a replacement vehicle
35 identification number, which shall thereafter be used for
36 identification purposes, and the assignment need not be directed
37 by court order.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:



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41 Delete line 14
42 and insert:
43 certificate of title; amending s. 319.33, F.S.; providing
44 alternate disposition procedures for certain motor vehicles and
45 mobile homes abandoned on private property; providing for
46 issuance by the department of a replacement vehicle
47 identification number; providing an effective date.