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1 AN ACT Relating to title and registration requirements for kit  
2 vehicles; and amending RCW 46.12.440 and 46.16.680.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.440 and 1996 c 225 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The following procedures must be followed when applying for a  
7 certificate of ownership for a kit vehicle:

8 (1) The vehicle identification number (VIN) of a new vehicle kit  
9 and of a body kit will be taken from the manufacturer's certificate of  
10 origin belonging to that vehicle. If the VIN is not available, the  
11 Washington state patrol shall assign a VIN at the time of inspection.

12 (2) The model year of a manufactured new vehicle kit and  
13 manufactured body kit is the year reflected on the manufacturer's  
14 certificate of origin.

15 (3) The make (~~(shall)~~), series, and body designation must each be  
16 listed as "KITV(~~(, " and the series and body designation must describe~~  
17 ~~what the vehicle looks like, i.e. Bradley GT, 57 MG, and must include~~  
18 ~~the word "replica"))".~~

1 (4) Except for kit vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.680(5), kit  
2 vehicles must comply with chapter ((204-90)) 204-10 WAC. A kit vehicle  
3 is exempt from the welding requirements under WAC 204-10-022(8) if,  
4 upon application for a certificate of ownership, the owner furnishes  
5 documentation from the manufacturer of the vehicle frame that informs  
6 the owner that the welding on the frame was not completed by a  
7 certified welder and that the structural strength of the frame has not  
8 been certified by an engineer as meeting the applicable federal motor  
9 vehicle safety standards set under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.201, 571.214,  
10 571.216, and 571.220 through 571.224, and the applicable SAE standards.

11 (5) The application for the certificate of ownership must be  
12 accompanied by the following documents:

13 (a) For a manufactured new vehicle kit, the manufacturer's  
14 certificate of origin or equivalent document;

15 (b)(i) For a manufactured body kit, the manufacturer's certificate  
16 of origin or equivalent document; (ii) for the frame, the title or a  
17 certified copy or equivalent document;

18 (c) Bills of sale or invoices for all major components used in the  
19 construction of the vehicle. The bills of sale must be notarized  
20 unless the vendor is registered with the department of revenue for the  
21 collection of retail sales or use tax. The bills of sale must include  
22 the names and addresses of the seller and purchaser, a description of  
23 the vehicle or part being sold, including the make, model, and  
24 identification or serial number, the date of sale, and the purchase  
25 price of the vehicle or part;

26 (d) A statement as defined in WAC 308-56A-150 by an authorized  
27 inspector of the Washington state patrol or other person authorized by  
28 the department of licensing verifying the vehicle identification  
29 number, and year and make when applicable;

30 (e) A completed declaration of value form (TD 420-737) to determine  
31 the value for excise tax if the purchase cost and year is unknown or  
32 incomplete.

33 (6) A Washington state patrol VIN inspector must ensure that all  
34 parts are documented by titles, notarized bills of sale, or business  
35 receipts such as obtained from a wrecking yard purchase. The bills of  
36 sale must contain the VIN of the vehicle the parts came from, or the  
37 yard number if from a wrecking yard.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.680 and 1996 c 225 s 10 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       All kit vehicles are licensed as original transactions when first  
4 titled in Washington, and the following provisions apply:

5       (1) The department of licensing shall charge original licensing  
6 fees and issue new plates appropriate to the use class.

7       (2) An inspection by the Washington state patrol is required to  
8 determine the correct identification number, and year or make if  
9 needed.

10       (3) The use class is the actual use of the vehicle, i.e. passenger  
11 car or truck.

12       (4) The make (~~(shall)~~), series, and body designation must each be  
13 listed as "KITV(~~(," and the series and body designation must describe~~  
14 ~~what the vehicle looks like, i.e. 48 Bradley GT, 57 MG, and must~~  
15 ~~include the word "replica"))".~~

16       (5) Upon payment of original licensing fees the department may  
17 license a kit vehicle under RCW 46.16.305(1) as a street rod if the  
18 vehicle is manufactured to have the same appearance as a similar  
19 vehicle manufactured before 1949.

20       (6) For a manufactured new vehicle kit and a manufactured body kit,  
21 the model year of the vehicle is the year reflected on the  
22 manufacturer's certificate of origin for that vehicle. If this is not  
23 available, the Washington state patrol shall assign a model year at the  
24 time of inspection.

25       (7) The vehicle identification number (VIN) of a new vehicle kit  
26 and body kit is the vehicle identification number as reflected on the  
27 manufacturer's certificate of origin. If the VIN is not available, the  
28 Washington state patrol shall assign a VIN at the time of inspection.

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