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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the transfer of motorcycles having parts with unidentifiable identification numbers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 423-a of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as added by chapter 976 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4     2. Assignment of a new identification number AND RETURN OF MOTOR VEHI-  
5 CLE, TRAILER OR PART TO OWNER. If a person other than the person  
6 arrested be the owner, the motor vehicle, trailer or part shall be  
7 returned to him OR HER as soon as he OR SHE has arranged to have the  
8 department of motor vehicles affix a new number, or in the case of a  
9 part, inspect such part, and the department has done so, as provided in  
10 section four hundred twenty-two of this [chapter] ARTICLE. Prior to the  
11 return of the motor vehicle, trailer or part, or the transfer of custody  
12 of said motor vehicle, trailer or part, the arresting officer shall  
13 transmit notice of the arrest to the commissioner.

14     S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 423-a of the vehicle and traffic law is  
15 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

16     (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, OWNERSHIP OF  
17 AN UNIDENTIFIABLE PART IN AN OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE MOTORCYCLE, OTHER  
18 THAN A STOLEN MOTORCYCLE, HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY A POLICE DEPART-  
19 MENT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OWNER OF SUCH MOTORCYCLE UPON HIS OR  
20 HER REQUEST, PROVIDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES AN  
21 INVESTIGATION AND, IF APPROPRIATE, HOLDS A HEARING AND FINDS THAT SUCH  
22 OWNER HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PART WAS UNIDENTIFIABLE AND THAT SUCH  
23 OWNER WAS NEITHER RESPONSIBLE FOR RENDERING SUCH PART UNIDENTIFIABLE NOR  
24 ACTING IN CONCERT WITH ANY PERSON WHO RENDERED OR HAD SUCH PART RENDERED  
25 UNIDENTIFIABLE. SUCH TRANSFER SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT ANY PAYMENT BEING

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THAT THE DEPART-  
2 MENT'S OR POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN A FINDING THAT  
3 THE PERSON HAS BEEN THE OWNER OF THE MOTORCYCLE WITH THE UNIDENTIFIABLE  
4 PART CONTAINED THEREIN FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. SUCH  
5 INVESTIGATION SHALL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
6 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE REQUEST OF SUCH OWNER FOR THE RETURN OF SUCH  
7 UNIDENTIFIABLE PART. IF THE OWNER OF SUCH MOTORCYCLE CANNOT BE ASCER-  
8 TAINED, OR IF THE OWNER OR CUSTODIAN IS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED OF THE  
9 THEFT OR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF SUCH MOTORCYCLE, SUCH A TRANSFER MAY BE  
10 MADE TO A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING OR SELLING MOTOR  
11 VEHICLES, TRAILERS OR PARTS WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE PRESUMPTION IN SUBDI-  
12 VISION ONE OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, ONLY UPON  
13 PAYMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OR TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL  
14 TO THE REASONABLE WHOLESALE VALUE OF THE PART. PROCEEDS FROM THE TRANS-  
15 FER OF ANY SUCH PART SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE IF  
16 TRANSFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, OR INTO  
17 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY, IF TRANSFERRED BY A  
18 LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. NO SUCH PART SHALL BE TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO  
19 THIS PARAGRAPH UNTIL A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER HAS BEEN AFFIXED TO  
20 SUCH PART AND THE APPROPRIATE FEE HAS BEEN PAID BY THE OWNER OF THE  
21 MOTORCYCLE.

22 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
23 it shall have become a law.