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Brief Description: Revising administrative procedures for abandoned vehicles.

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Requires that the form provided or approved by the department must include the statement "Providing false information on a seller's report of sale submitted to the department or its agents is a criminal violation of RCW 9A.76.175."

Provides that, if an abandoned vehicle report has been filed by a tow operator, the electronic submittal must be rejected and the owner must file the report of sale on a form prescribed by the department that includes the signature of the purchaser of the vehicle as evidence that the purchaser is accepting liability for the vehicle.

Provides that abandoned vehicles purchased at public auction may not be released to the purchaser until the purchaser has executed an application for a new certificate of ownership or shown evidence that he or she has executed an application for a new certificate of ownership signifying that he or she is the new registered owner.

Directs the department to create a system to enable a tow company to serve as a limited agent for the purposes of registering a vehicle for a new certificate of ownership for vehicles purchased at a public auction held by the same tow company.