

Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo #16-03

Salvage Theft Examinations

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TO: All BIIP, OVMCS and Iowa County Treasurers

SUBJECT

This informational memo explains legislation passed in 2016 (House File 2437) that addresses the fee for salvage theft, aka, vehicle theft examinations. **This legislation is effective July 1, 2016.**

SUMMARY

Division II of the legislation raises the fee for vehicle theft examinations (VTE) also known as salvage theft examinations. The bill was signed into law on April 21, 2016 and is effective July 1, 2016.

LINKS TO LEGISLATION

Iowa Acts, 2016, HF 2437, Division II, Section 31. Section 321.24 subsection 5:

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/86/Attachments/HF2437_GovLetter.pdf

HELPFUL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers provide additional information that will be helpful to you and to customers.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Effective July 1, 2016, the vehicle theft examination or salvage theft examination fee increases from \$30 to \$50. Of special note, prior to July 1, 2016, the agency performing the examinations retains \$20. After July 1, 2016, the agency retains \$40.

Legislation also requires peace officers who perform the vehicle theft examinations to be certified or recertified with standards confirmed by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA).

WHAT'S NOT CHANGING?

A salvage theft examination fee is still being assessed and the examination is still being performed by a certified peace officer.

WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS HAVE ON US?

You may receive a call requesting information regarding the increased vehicle theft examination fee.

WHY WAS THIS CHANGE PROPOSED?

This change was proposed by the Iowa Peace Officer Association to cover the costs for peace officers to continue to perform the VTE while supporting their continued efforts to do so.