

will be ripped out, but a VIN number from a wrecked car that maybe you got from a junkyard will be replaced, and that VIN number will be used for application for a certificate of title. The stolen vehicle's VIN number will be cast aside and the VIN number and the title to a wrecked car will replace it, and that allows the stolen vehicle to have some legitimacy. The foreign title application is also related to stolen cars in that when a car is stolen they will apply to another state for a certificate of title and they will get it, and then they will just keep rotating it, maybe in another state apply for another certificate of title, and they will create a false history of title ownership to a stolen car that makes it very difficult for law enforcement agencies to trace down. This problem is also seen when it comes to odometer readings and rolling back the miles on a car. A person can take and put a fictitious amount of mileage for a car and apply for a certificate of title and wash out the true mileage. It also deals with the stolen car...or the stolen parts problem when stolen cars are chopped up and their various parts are sold. Sometimes these stolen parts are re-constituted back together where you have a car that is put back on the road but it is made out of stolen parts. It also has to do with the problem of sales tax evasion. For instance, if you were in Colorado and you bought a Colorado car, you could tell the dealer that you were going to register it in Nebraska and you wouldn't have to pay Colorado sales tax. By having the car titled in Nebraska and then having the car retitled again in Colorado, the county clerk in Colorado would never know that the car was originally purchased in Colorado and, therefore, you wouldn't have to pay sales tax. It has a lot to do with states that have placed a stigma on cars that have been wrecked. Some states require a status of salvage on the certificate of title if a car has been wrecked, but one way to get that salvage stigma off is to apply for a Nebraska certificate of title since we don't have laws governing salvage vehicles and it is washed out. They take the title back to their home state, retitle it and the salvage stigma is erased. Last of the seven deadly sins is just creating a portfolio of false titles. For instance, you may title cars that have been wrecked and you enter a loan agency with a portfolio of fictitious cars and are able to get a large loan on the basis of those titles as security. LB 234 would go a long ways to eliminating by simply doing this. Number one, requiring that any application for Nebraska title replacing a foreign title would have to have the car in the state and also the car would have to be inspected to make sure that the VIN number matched the title. Secondly, any wrecked car would have to have a salvage certificate