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Abstract: Modifies the definition of a "certificate of destruction" by clarifying that a vehicle that sustained water damage during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency was flooded and the flooding was the proximate cause of the vehicle damage.

Present law defines "certificate of destruction" as a type of certificate of title issued by the office of motor vehicles for a "water-damaged vehicle" other than an antique vehicle or a vehicle in excess of twenty thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), whose power train, computer, or electrical system has been damaged by flooding as the result of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency and that is a "total loss" as defined in present law. Also requires the certificate of destruction be reassignable a maximum of 2 times prior to dismantling or destructing the vehicle.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the flooding from the gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency must be the proximate cause of the water damage sustained by the vehicle.

(Amends R.S. 32:702(5))