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HOUSE BILL No. 5181

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled

"Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending sections 252a, 252f, and 252g (MCL 257.252a, 257.252f, and 257.252g), section 252a as amended by 2015 PA 48, section 252f as amended by 2008 PA 539, and section 252g as amended by 2012 PA 498.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 252a. (1) A person shall not abandon a vehicle in this state. It is presumed that the last titled owner of the vehicle is responsible for abandoning the vehicle unless the person provides a record of the sale as that term is defined in section 240. A person who violates this subsection and who fails to redeem the vehicle before disposition of the vehicle under section 252g is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of

- **1** \$50.00.
- $\mathbf{2}$ (2) As used in this section and sections 252b through 252l,
- 3 "abandoned vehicle" means any of the following:
- 4 (a) A vehicle that has remained on private property without
- 5 the consent of the owner.
- 6 (b) A vehicle that has remained on public property for a
- 7 period of not less than 48 hours, or on a state trunk line highway
- 8 as described in section 1 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, as follows:
- 9 (i) If a valid registration plate is affixed to the vehicle,
- 10 for a period of not less than 18 hours.
- 11 (ii) If a valid registration plate is not affixed to the
- 12 vehicle.
- 13 (c) A vehicle, other than a late-model vehicle, to which all
- 14 of the following apply:
- 15 (i) An insurance company has not acquired ownership of the
- 16 vehicle under section 217c.
- 17 (ii) The vehicle cannot be disposed of under section 248c.
- 18 (iii) The vehicle has remained in the custody of a vehicle
- 19 salvage pool or broker site without the consent of the vehicle
- 20 salvage pool operator or the broker for a period of not less than
- **21** 60 days.
- 22 (3) If a vehicle has remained on public property for the
- 23 period of time described in subsection (2)(b) so that it qualifies
- 24 as abandoned, a police agency having jurisdiction over the vehicle
- 25 or the agency's designee shall determine whether the vehicle has
- 26 been reported stolen and may affix a written notice to the vehicle.
- 27 The written notice shall contain the following information:

- 1 (a) The date and time the notice was affixed.
- 2 (b) The name and address of the police agency taking the
- 3 action.
- 4 (c) The name and badge number of the police officer affixing
- 5 the notice.
- 6 (d) The date and time the vehicle may be taken into custody
- 7 and stored at the owner's expense or scrapped if the vehicle is not
- 8 removed.
- 9 (e) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the
- 10 vehicle, if available.
- 11 (4) If the vehicle is an abandoned vehicle, the police agency
- 12 or the agency's designee may have the towing agency take the
- 13 vehicle into custody.
- 14 (5) A police agency that has received a vehicle taken into
- 15 custody as abandoned shall do all of the following:
- 16 (a) Recheck to determine if the vehicle has been reported
- 17 stolen.
- 18 (b) Within 24 hours after the vehicle is taken into custody,
- 19 enter the vehicle as abandoned into the law enforcement information
- 20 network, and notify the secretary of state through the law
- 21 enforcement information network that the vehicle has been taken
- 22 into custody as abandoned. Each notification shall contain the
- 23 following information:
- (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the
- 25 vehicle, if available.
- 26 (ii) The address or approximate location from which the
- 27 vehicle was taken into custody.

- 1 (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.
- (iv) The name and address of the police agency that had the
- 3 vehicle taken into custody.
- 4 (v) The name and business address of the custodian of the
- 5 vehicle.
- (vi) The name of the court that has jurisdiction over the
- 7 case.
- **8** (c) Within 7 days after receiving notice under subdivision (b)
- 9 that the vehicle has been taken into custody, the secretary of
- 10 state shall do both of the following:
- (i) Send to the last titled owner and secured party, as shown
- 12 by the records of the secretary of state as described in section
- 13 221 or 237, by first-class mail or personal service, notice that
- 14 the vehicle is considered abandoned. The form for the notice shall
- 15 be furnished by the secretary of state. Each notice form shall
- 16 contain the following information:
- 17 (A) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the
- 18 vehicle if available.
- 19 (B) The address or approximate location from which the vehicle
- 20 was taken into custody.
- 21 (C) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.
- (D) The name and address of the police agency that had the
- 23 vehicle taken into custody.
- 24 (E) The name and business address of the custodian of the
- 25 vehicle.
- 26 (F) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.
- 27 (G) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle is

- 1 considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and
- 2 daily storage fees.
- 3 (H) A form petition that the owner may file in person or by
- 4 mail with the specified court that requests a hearing on the police
- 5 agency's action.
- 6 (I) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to
- 7 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may
- 8 result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all rights
- 9 of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the proceeds
- 10 of the sale.
- 11 (ii) Enter the information described in subparagraph (i) on a
- 12 website maintained by the department for public use in locating
- 13 vehicles that are removed under this section as abandoned. The
- 14 department shall maintain the data on the website for 1 year or 1
- 15 until the vehicle is disposed of under this act, whichever occurs
- 16 first.
- 17 (6) The owner may contest the fact that the vehicle is
- 18 considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and
- 19 daily storage fees by requesting a hearing and posting a bond equal
- 20 to \$40.00 plus the amount of the accrued towing and storage fees. A
- 21 request for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the
- 22 court specified in the notice described in subsection (5)(c) within
- 23 20 days after the date of the notice. **HE-SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (8)**,
- 24 IF the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be resolved after
- 25 a hearing conducted under sections 252e and 252f. An owner who
- 26 requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by posting a
- 27 towing and storage bond in an amount equal to the \$40.00 plus the

- 1 accrued towing and storage fees with the court. The owner of a
- 2 vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by
- 3 paying a fee of \$40.00 to the court and the accrued towing and
- 4 storage fees instead of posting the towing and storage bond.
- 5 (7) If SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (9), IF the owner does not
- 6 request a hearing under subsection (6), he or she may obtain the
- 7 release of the vehicle by paying a fee of \$40.00 and the accrued
- 8 towing and storage fees to the custodian of the vehicle. The
- 9 custodian of the vehicle shall forward \$25.00 of the fee to the
- 10 secretary of state within 30 days after receipt in a manner
- 11 prescribed by the secretary of state, who shall deposit the fee
- 12 into the abandoned vehicle fund created in section 252h.
- 13 (8) THE SECURED PARTY MAY CONTEST THE REASONABLENESS OF THE
- 14 TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES AND REQUEST A HEARING IN THE
- 15 SAME MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THE OWNER UNDER
- 16 SUBSECTION (6). IF BOTH THE OWNER AND THE SECURED PARTY REQUEST A
- 17 HEARING TO CONTEST THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY
- 18 STORAGE FEES WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, THE COURT
- 19 SHALL DISMISS THE SECURED PARTY'S PETITION AND PROCEED WITH THE
- 20 OWNER'S PETITION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6), UNLESS THE OWNER IS
- 21 IN DEFAULT ON A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURED PARTY
- 22 REGARDING THAT VEHICLE. IF THE OWNER IS IN DEFAULT ON A CONTRACT OR
- 23 AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURED PARTY REGARDING THAT VEHICLE, THE COURT
- 24 SHALL DISMISS THE OWNER'S PETITION AND PROCEED WITH THE SECURED
- 25 PARTY'S PETITION IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6).
- 26 (9) (8)—If the owner SECURED PARTY does not redeem the vehicle
- 27 or request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice

- 1 described in subsection (5)(c), the secured party may obtain the
- 2 release of the vehicle by paying a \$40.00 fee plus the accrued
- 3 charges to the custodian of the vehicle. The custodian of the
- 4 vehicle shall forward \$25.00 of the fee to the secretary of state,
- 5 who shall deposit the fee into the abandoned vehicle fund created
- 6 in section 252h. IF THE OWNER ALSO SEEKS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF
- 7 THE VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7), THE CUSTODIAN SHALL
- 8 RELEASE THE VEHICLE TO THE OWNER UPON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES.
- 9 THE CUSTODIAN IS NOT LIABLE TO AN OWNER OR A SECURED PARTY FOR THE
- 10 RELEASE OF A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 11 (10) (9)—If a vehicle has remained on private property without
- 12 the consent of the property owner, the owner of the private
- 13 property may have the vehicle taken into custody as an abandoned
- 14 vehicle by contacting a local towing agency. A local towing agency
- 15 is considered a towing agency whose storage lot is located within
- 16 15 miles from the border of the local unit of government having
- 17 jurisdiction over the abandoned vehicle.
- 18 (11) (10)—Before removing the vehicle from private property,
- 19 the towing agency shall provide reasonable notice by telephone, or
- 20 otherwise, to a police agency having jurisdiction over the vehicle
- 21 that the vehicle is being removed. The police agency shall
- 22 determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen and enter the
- 23 vehicle into the law enforcement information network as an
- 24 abandoned vehicle. Verification by the police agency of compliance
- 25 with this section is not necessary and is not a predicate to the
- 26 entrance of the vehicle into the law enforcement information
- 27 network.

- 1 (12) (11) Within 24 hours after taking the abandoned vehicle
- 2 into custody, the police agency shall notify the secretary of state
- 3 through the law enforcement information network that the vehicle
- 4 has been taken into custody as abandoned. Each notification shall
- 5 contain the following information:
- 6 (a) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the
- 7 vehicle if available.
- 8 (b) The address or approximate location from which the vehicle
- 9 was taken into custody.
- 10 (c) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.
- 11 (d) The name and address of the police agency that had the
- 12 vehicle taken into custody.
- 13 (e) The name and business address of the custodian of the
- 14 vehicle.
- 15 (f) The name of the court that has jurisdiction over the case.
- 16 (13) (12) Within 7 days after being notified under subsection
- 17 (11), (12), the secretary of state shall do both of the following:
- (a) Send to the owner and secured party, as shown by the
- 19 records of the secretary of state, by first-class mail or personal
- 20 service, notice that the vehicle is considered abandoned. The form
- 21 for the notice shall be furnished by the secretary of state. Each
- 22 notice form shall contain the following information:
- (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the
- 24 vehicle if available.
- 25 (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into
- 26 custody.
- 27 (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.

- $\mathbf{1}$ (iv) The name of the towing agency that had the vehicle taken
- 2 into custody.
- $\mathbf{3}$ (v) The business address of the custodian of the vehicle.
- 4 (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.
- 5 (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle is
- 6 considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and
- 7 daily storage fees.
- 8 (viii) A form petition that the owner may file in person or by
- 9 mail with the specified court that requests a hearing on the
- 10 custodian's action.
- 11 (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to
- 12 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may
- 13 result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all rights
- 14 of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the proceeds
- 15 of the sale.
- 16 (b) Enter the information described in subdivision (a) on a
- 17 website maintained by the department for public use in locating
- 18 vehicles that are removed under this section as abandoned.
- 19 (14) (13)—The owner may contest the fact that the vehicle is
- 20 abandoned or, unless the towing fees and daily storage fees are
- 21 established by contract with the local governmental unit or local
- 22 law enforcement agency and comply with section 252i, the
- 23 reasonableness of the towing fees and daily storage fees by
- 24 requesting a hearing. A request for a hearing shall be made by
- 25 filing a petition with the court specified in the notice within 20
- 26 days after the date of the notice. **If-SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (16)**,
- 27 IF the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be resolved after

- 1 a hearing conducted under section 252f. An owner who requests a
- 2 hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by posting with the court
- 3 a towing and storage bond in an amount equal to \$40.00 plus the
- 4 accrued towing and storage fees. The owner of a vehicle who
- 5 requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by paying a
- 6 fee of \$40.00 to the court plus the towing and storage fees instead
- 7 of posting the towing and storage bond. An owner requesting a
- 8 hearing but not taking possession of the vehicle shall post with
- 9 the court a towing and storage bond in an amount equal to \$40.00
- 10 plus the accrued towing and storage fees.
- 11 (15) (14) If SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (17), IF the owner does not
- 12 request a hearing, he or she may obtain the release of the vehicle
- 13 by paying a fee of \$40.00 plus the accrued charges to the custodian
- 14 of the vehicle. The custodian shall forward \$25.00 of the fee
- 15 collected under this subsection to the secretary of state within 30
- 16 days after receipt in a manner prescribed by the secretary of
- 17 state, who shall deposit the fee into the abandoned vehicle fund
- 18 created in section 252h.
- 19 (16) THE SECURED PARTY MAY CONTEST THE REASONABLENESS OF THE
- 20 TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES AND REQUEST A HEARING IN THE
- 21 SAME MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS THE OWNER UNDER
- 22 SUBSECTION (14). IF BOTH THE OWNER AND THE SECURED PARTY REQUEST A
- 23 HEARING TO CONTEST THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY
- 24 STORAGE FEES WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, THE COURT
- 25 SHALL DISMISS THE SECURED PARTY'S PETITION AND PROCEED WITH THE
- 26 OWNER'S PETITION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (14), UNLESS THE OWNER
- 27 IS IN DEFAULT ON A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURED PARTY

- 1 REGARDING THAT VEHICLE. IF THE OWNER IS IN DEFAULT ON A CONTRACT OR
- 2 AGREEMENT WITH THE SECURED PARTY REGARDING THAT VEHICLE, THE COURT
- 3 SHALL DISMISS THE OWNER'S PETITION AND PROCEED WITH THE SECURED
- 4 PARTY'S PETITION IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (14).
- 5 (17) (15) If the owner SECURED PARTY does not redeem the
- 6 vehicle or request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the
- 7 notice, the secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle by
- 8 paying a fee of \$40.00 and the accrued towing and storage fees to
- 9 the custodian of the vehicle. The custodian shall forward \$25.00 of
- 10 the fee collected under this subsection to the secretary of state
- 11 within 30 days after receipt in a manner prescribed by the
- 12 secretary of state, who shall deposit the fee into the abandoned
- 13 vehicle fund created in section 252h. IF THE OWNER ALSO SEEKS TO
- 14 OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (15),
- 15 THE CUSTODIAN SHALL RELEASE THE VEHICLE TO THE OWNER UPON PAYMENT
- 16 OF THE REQUIRED FEES. THE CUSTODIAN IS NOT LIABLE TO AN OWNER OR A
- 17 SECURED PARTY FOR THE RELEASE OF A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 18 (18) (16) Not less than 20 days after the disposition of the
- 19 hearing described in subsection (6) or, if a hearing is not
- 20 requested, not less than 20 days after the date of the notice, the
- 21 police agency if the abandoned vehicle is found on public property,
- 22 or the custodian of the vehicle if the vehicle is found on private
- 23 property, shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public sale under
- **24** section 252q.
- 25 (19) $\frac{(17)}{(17)}$ If the ownership of a vehicle that is considered
- 26 abandoned under this section cannot be determined either because of
- 27 the condition of the vehicle identification numbers or because a

- 1 check with the records of the secretary of state as described in
- 2 section 221 or 237 does not reveal ownership, the police agency may
- 3 sell the vehicle at public sale as provided in section 252g not
- 4 less than 30 days after public notice of the sale has been
- 5 published.
- 6 (20) (18) The secretary of state shall release a vehicle for
- 7 disposition under section 252b or 252g within 45 days after the
- 8 vehicle is entered into the law enforcement information network as
- 9 an abandoned vehicle.
- 10 Sec. 252f. (1) Upon the filing of a petition prescribed in
- 11 section 252a, 252b, or 252d, signed by the owner of the vehicle
- 12 which THAT has been taken into custody, OR, UPON THE FILING OF A
- 13 PETITION PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 252A SIGNED BY THE SECURED PARTY
- 14 REGARDING A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, the court
- 15 shall do both of the following:
- 16 (a) Schedule a hearing within 30 days for the purpose of
- 17 determining whether the police agency, towing agency or custodian,
- 18 or private property owner acted properly.
- 19 (b) Notify the owner OR THE SECURED PARTY, AS APPLICABLE,
- 20 towing agency or custodian, and police agency or if the vehicle was
- 21 removed from private property, notify the private property owner
- 22 also of the time and place of the hearing.
- 23 (2) At the hearing specified in subsection (1), the police
- 24 agency, towing agency or custodian, or, if the vehicle was removed
- 25 from private property, the private property owner shall have the
- 26 burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that it has
- 27 complied with the requirements of this act in reporting or

- 1 processing the abandoned vehicle or vehicle removed under section
- **2** 252d.
- 3 (3) After the hearing, the court shall make a decision that
- 4 includes 1 or more of the following:
- 5 (a) A finding that the police agency complied with the
- 6 procedures established for the processing of an abandoned vehicle
- 7 or a vehicle removed under section 252a, 252b, or 252d, and an
- 8 order providing a period of 20 days after the decision for the
- 9 owner OR THE SECURED PARTY, IF APPLICABLE, to redeem the vehicle.
- 10 If the owner OR THE SECURED PARTY does not redeem the vehicle
- 11 within 20 days, the police agency shall dispose of the vehicle
- 12 under section 252b or 252g. The court shall forward \$25.00 of the
- 13 fee collected under section 252b or 252g to the secretary of state
- 14 within 30 days after the court's decision in a manner prescribed by
- 15 the secretary of state. The towing and storage fees and \$15.00 of
- 16 the fee collected under section 252b or 252g shall be forwarded to
- 17 the towing agency.
- 18 (b) A finding that the police agency did not comply with the
- 19 procedures established for the processing of an abandoned vehicle
- 20 or a vehicle removed under section 252a, 252b, or 252d. After
- 21 making the finding, the court shall issue an order directing that
- 22 the vehicle immediately be released to the owner OR THE SECURED
- 23 PARTY, IF APPLICABLE, and that the police agency is responsible for
- 24 the accrued towing and storage charges. The court shall also order
- 25 any fee or bond posted by the owner to be returned to the owner.
- (c) A finding that the towing fees and daily storage fees were
- 27 reasonable.

- 1 (d) A finding that the towing fees and daily storage fees were
- 2 unreasonable and issue an order directing the towing agency or
- 3 custodian of the vehicle to provide the last titled owner of the
- 4 vehicle OR THE SECURED PARTY, IF APPLICABLE, with an appropriate
- 5 reduction or refund.
- 6 (e) A finding that the owner of the real property complied
- 7 with the provisions of section 252k or 252l.
- 8 (f) A finding that the owner of the real property did not
- ${f 9}$ comply with the provisions of section 252k or 252l, and issue an
- 10 order requiring the owner of the real property to reimburse the
- 11 last titled owner of the vehicle OR THE SECURED PARTY, IF
- 12 APPLICABLE, for the accrued towing and storage charges.
- 13 (g) A finding that the towing agency did not comply with the
- 14 procedures established for the proper removal and reporting of an
- 15 abandoned vehicle removed under section $\frac{252a(10)}{}$, 252A(11), 252b,
- 16 or 252d. After making the finding, the court shall issue an order
- 17 directing that the vehicle immediately be released to the owner OR
- 18 THE SECURED PARTY, IF APPLICABLE, and that the towing agency is
- 19 responsible for the accrued towing and storage charges. The court
- 20 shall also order any fee or bond posted by the owner to be returned
- 21 to the owner.
- (h) A finding that the towing agency did comply with the
- 23 procedures established for the proper removal and reporting of an
- 24 abandoned vehicle removed under section 252a(10), 252A(11), 252b,
- **25** or 252d.
- 26 Sec. 252q. (1) Subject to section $\frac{252a(16)}{252a(16)}$, a public
- 27 sale for a vehicle and its contents that has been determined to be

- 1 abandoned under section 252a or removed under section 252d shall be
- 2 conducted in the following manner:
- 3 (a) It shall be under the control of the police agency.
- 4 However, a police agency may designate the custodian of the vehicle
- 5 or a third party to conduct the auction.
- 6 (b) It shall be open to the public and consist of open auction
- 7 bidding or bidding by sealed bids. If sealed bids are received, the
- 8 person submitting the bid shall receive a receipt for the bid from
- 9 the police agency or the agency's designee or, if the vehicle is
- 10 being sold under section $\frac{252a(16)}{}$, $\frac{252A(18)}{}$, the custodian of the
- 11 vehicle.
- 12 (c) Except as otherwise provided in sections 252a(16) 252A(18)
- and $\frac{(17)}{(19)}$ and 252b(7), it shall be held not less than 5 days
- 14 after public notice of the sale has been published.
- 15 (d) The public notice shall be published at least once in a
- 16 newspaper having a general circulation within the county in which
- 17 the vehicle was abandoned. The public notice shall give a
- 18 description of the vehicle for sale and shall state the time, date,
- 19 and location of the sale.
- 20 (2) The money received from the public sale of the vehicle
- 21 shall be applied in the following order of priority:
- 22 (a) Accrued towing and storage charges. However, if the money
- 23 received from the public sale does not satisfy the accrued towing
- 24 and storage charges, the towing company may collect the balance of
- 25 those unpaid fees from the last titled owner, subject to section
- **26** 252i.
- (b) Expenses incurred by the police agency or the custodian of

- 1 the vehicle.
- 2 (c) Payment of the \$40.00 abandoned vehicle fee described in
- **3** section 252f(3)(a).
- 4 (d) Any extra money shall be sent to the department of
- 5 treasury's unclaimed property division to be disbursed as follows:
- 6 (i) To the secured party, if any, in the amount of the debt
- 7 outstanding on the vehicle.
- 8 (ii) Remainder to the owner. A reasonable attempt shall be
- 9 made to mail the remainder to the last titled owner. If delivery of
- 10 the remainder cannot be accomplished, the remainder shall become
- 11 the property of the unit of government governing the location from
- 12 which the vehicle was towed.
- 13 (3) If there are no bidders on the vehicle, the police agency
- 14 or the custodian of the vehicle may do 1 of the following:
- 15 (a) Turn the vehicle over to the towing firm or the custodian
- 16 of the vehicle to satisfy charges against the vehicle. However, if
- 17 the value of the vehicle does not satisfy the towing fees and
- 18 accrued daily storage fees, the custodian of the vehicle may
- 19 collect the balance of those unpaid fees from the last titled
- 20 owner, subject to section 252i.
- 21 (b) Obtain title to the vehicle for the police agency or the
- 22 unit of government the police agency represents, by doing the
- 23 following:
- (i) Paying the towing and storage charges.
- 25 (ii) Applying for title to the vehicle.
- (c) Hold another public sale under subsection (1).
- 27 (4) A person who acquires ownership of a vehicle under

- 1 subsection (1) or (3) that has been designated as a distressed
- 2 vehicle shall apply for a salvage certificate of title within 15
- 3 days after obtaining the vehicle.
- 4 (5) Upon disposition of the vehicle, the police agency or
- 5 towing agency or custodian shall provide the secretary of state and
- 6 the police agency, if that police agency did not conduct the sale,
- 7 with the vehicle's disposition and the name of the agency that
- 8 disposed of it and the police agency shall cancel the entry in the
- 9 law enforcement information network.
- 10 (6) Not less than 25 days after the date of notice required
- 11 under section 252a, if the police agency does not provide a copy of
- 12 the bill of sale by the police agency for the abandoned vehicle to
- 13 the towing agency or custodian or police agency's designee, the
- 14 towing agency or custodian or police agency designee may obtain an
- 15 original of the bill of sale by submitting an application to the
- 16 secretary of state in a form as determined by the secretary of
- 17 state.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 19 after the date it is enacted into law.

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