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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 277—ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK

MARCH 21, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises certain presumptions relating to abandoned vehicles. (BDR 43-1041)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising the provisions concerning the responsibility of the registered owner of an abandoned vehicle; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to take certain actions relating to the removal of an abandoned vehicle; requiring the Department, under certain circumstances, to suspend the license and registration of a person who abandons a vehicle; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 487.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     487.220 1. Every person who abandons a vehicle is  
3 responsible for the cost of removal and disposition of such vehicle.  
4     2. An abandoned vehicle is presumed to have been abandoned  
5 by the registered owner thereof. The registered owner may not rebut  
6 this presumption by showing that ~~he~~ :  
7     (a) *He* transferred his interest in the abandoned vehicle unless  
8 he complied with the provisions set forth in NRS 482.399 to  
9 482.420, inclusive ~~;~~; *or*  
10    (b) *The vehicle was stolen from him unless he submits*  
11 *evidence that, before the discovery of the vehicle, he filed an*  
12 *affidavit with the Department of Motor Vehicles or a written*  
13 *report with an appropriate law enforcement agency alleging the*  
14 *theft of the vehicle.*



- 1       3. *Unless:*  
2       (a) *The registered owner of the abandoned vehicle rebuts the*  
3 *presumption that he is the registered owner pursuant to subsection*  
4 *2; or*  
5       (b) *The vehicle is removed pursuant to NRS 487.230,*  
6       ↳ *the Department shall, as soon as practicable after becoming*  
7 *aware of the abandoned vehicle, submit a written notice to the*  
8 *registered owner stating that he must remove the vehicle within 30*  
9 *days after the date the Department issues the notice. If the*  
10 *registered owner fails to remove the vehicle within that period, the*  
11 *Department shall remove the vehicle.*
- 12       4. *If the Department removes an abandoned vehicle pursuant*  
13 *to subsection 3, or if the vehicle is removed pursuant to NRS*  
14 *487.230 and the registered owner of the vehicle fails to reclaim the*  
15 *vehicle within the period specified in NRS 487.250 or 487.270, the*  
16 *Department shall revoke the driver's license of the registered*  
17 *owner and the certificate of registration of any vehicle registered*  
18 *by the owner pursuant to chapter 482 of NRS. The Department*  
19 *may, in accordance with any regulations adopted pursuant to NRS*  
20 *483.495, reinstate the driver's license and the certificate of*  
21 *registration of any of those vehicles if the registered owner:*
- 22       (a) *Pays the cost of removal and disposition of the abandoned*  
23 *vehicle; and*  
24       (b) *Satisfies any lien placed on the abandoned vehicle*  
25 *pursuant to NRS 487.270.*

