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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 368—ASSEMBLYMAN OCEGUERA

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Authorizes designees of certain law enforcement officers to remove abandoned vehicles from public property. (BDR 43-356)

**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 motor vehicles; authorizing designees of sheriffs, marshals and policemen to remove abandoned vehicles from public property in their jurisdiction; 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 487.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     487.230 1. Any sheriff ~~or~~ *or his designee*, constable,  
3 member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, officer of the Legislative  
4 Police, investigator of the Division of Compliance Enforcement of  
5 the Department, personnel of the Capitol Police Division of the  
6 Department of Public Safety, designated employees of the  
7 Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and  
8 Industry, special investigator employed by the office of a district  
9 attorney, marshal or policeman of a city or town ~~or~~ *or his designee*,  
10 or a marshal or park ranger who is part of a unit of specialized law  
11 enforcement established pursuant to NRS 280.125 who has reason  
12 to believe that a vehicle has been abandoned on public property in  
13 his jurisdiction may remove the vehicle from that property. At the  
14 request of the owner or person in possession or control of private  
15 property who has reason to believe that a vehicle has been  
16 abandoned on his property, the vehicle may be removed by the



1 operator of a tow car or an automobile wrecker from that private  
2 property.

3 2. A person who authorizes the removal of an abandoned  
4 vehicle pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

5 (a) Have the vehicle taken to the nearest garage or other place  
6 designated for storage by:

7 (1) The state agency or political subdivision making the  
8 request  if the vehicle is removed from public property.

9 (2) The owner or person in possession or control of the  
10 property  if the vehicle is removed from private property.

11 (b) Make all practical inquiries to ascertain if the vehicle is  
12 stolen by checking the license plate number, vehicle identification  
13 number and other available information which will aid in identifying  
14 the registered and legal owner of the vehicle and supply the  
15 information to the person who is storing the vehicle.

