

HOUSE BILL No. 1356

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-22-1.

Synopsis: Abandoned vehicles. Provides that an owner or last titled owner of a motor vehicle commits a Class C infraction when the owner or last titled owner of the motor vehicle abandons the vehicle. Requires a public agency that removes an abandoned vehicle earlier than allowed under statute to reimburse all costs paid by a person to release the vehicle from storage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-22-1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2019]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) As used in this section, "record of sale" means**
- 4 **either of the following:**
- 5 (1) **A legible photocopy of a reassigned vehicle title.**
- 6 (2) **A form document that includes the:**
- 7 (A) **address;**
- 8 (B) **date of sale or transfer;**
- 9 (C) **driver's license number;**
- 10 (D) **name; and**
- 11 (E) **signature;**
- 12 **of the person to whom a vehicle is sold or transferred.**
- 13 **(b) This section does not apply to an owner under section 8 of**
- 14 **this chapter or the last titled owner of a vehicle who:**
- 15 (1) **delivers:**
- 16 (A) **possession of the vehicle; and**
- 17 (B) **the applicable certificate of title;**



1 to a subsequent purchaser or transferee; and
2 (2) possesses a record of sale for the vehicle that is delivered
3 to the subsequent purchaser or transferee.

4 (c) An owner under section 8 of this chapter or the last titled
5 owner who does not appear within the time specified to claim a
6 vehicle prior to a public sale under section 23 of this chapter
7 commits a Class C infraction.

8 SECTION 2. IC 9-22-1-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
9 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
10 1, 2019]: **Sec. 11.5. (a) A properly identified person who pays all**
11 **costs incurred against a vehicle or a part to release the vehicle or**
12 **part from storage under section 8 of this chapter may receive a**
13 **reimbursement of all costs paid under section 8 of this chapter if**
14 **the vehicle or part tagged under section 11 of this chapter is**
15 **removed prior to the period identified in section 11(3) of this**
16 **chapter.**

17 (b) A person who qualifies for a reimbursement under
18 subsection (a) may request in writing a reimbursement from the
19 public agency named on the notice tag placed on the vehicle or part
20 under section 11 of this chapter. The request may be sent to the
21 address provided under section 11(1) of this chapter.

22 (c) A public agency that receives a request for reimbursement
23 under subsection (b) must reimburse all costs paid by the person
24 who qualifies for reimbursement under subsection (a).

