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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 758 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 758 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following: 3 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by 4 changing Sections 4-201, 4-203, 4-204, 4-205, 4-207, 4-208, 5 6 4-209.1, 4-209.2, 4-212, 4-212.1, 4-214, and 4-215 and by 7 adding Sections 4-203.1, 4-203.2, and 4-209.3 as follows: (625 ILCS 5/4-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-201) 8 Sec. 4-201. Abandonment of vehicles prohibited. 9 10 (a) The abandonment of a vehicle or any part thereof on any highway in this State is unlawful and subject to penalties as 11 12 set forth under Penalty Section 4-214 of this Code Chapter.

(b) The abandonment of a vehicle or any part thereof on

private or public property, other than a highway, in view of

the general public, anywhere in this State is unlawful except

on property of the owner or bailee of the such abandoned

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- vehicle. A vehicle or any part thereof so abandoned on private

 property shall be authorized for removal, by a law enforcement

 agency having jurisdiction, after a waiting period of 7 days or

 more, or may be removed immediately if determined to be a

 hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle under Section 11 40 3.1 of

 the Illinois Municipal Code. A violation of subsections (a) or

 the of this Section is subject to penalties as set forth under
- 9 (c) (Blank). A towing service may begin to process an unclaimed vehicle as abandoned by requesting a record search by the Secretary of State up to 10 days after the date of the tow, or any later date acceptable to the Secretary of State. This subsection (c) shall not apply to vehicles towed by order or authorization of a law enforcement agency.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 90-330, eff. 8-8-97.)

Section 4-214 of this Code. Chapter.

- 16 (625 ILCS 5/4-203) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-203)
- Sec. 4-203. Removal of <u>abandoned or unattended</u> motor

 18 <u>vehicles or other</u> vehicles <u>on public roadways</u>; Towing or

 19 hauling away.
 - (a) When a vehicle is abandoned, or left unattended, on a toll highway, interstate highway, or expressway for 2 hours or more, its removal by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- 24 (b) (Blank). When a vehicle is abandoned on a highway in an 25 urban district 10 hours or more, its removal by a towing

service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having

- (c) When a vehicle is abandoned or left unattended on a highway other than a toll highway, interstate highway, or expressway, outside of an urban district for 24 hours or more, its removal by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- (d) When an abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled vehicle is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the highway or its physical appearance is causing the impeding of traffic, its immediate removal from the highway or private property adjacent to the highway by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- (e) (Blank). Whenever a peace officer reasonably believes that a person under arrest for a violation of Section 11 501 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance is likely, upon release, to commit a subsequent violation of Section 11 501, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, the arresting officer shall have the vehicle which the person was operating at the time of the arrest impounded for a period of not more than 12 hours after the time of arrest. However, such vehicle may be released by the arresting law enforcement agency prior to the end of the impoundment period if:
- 25 (1) the vehicle was not owned by the person under 26 arrest, and the lawful owner requesting such release

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possesses a valid operator's license, proof of ownership, and would not, as determined by the arresting law enforcement agency, indicate a lack of ability to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner, or who would otherwise, by operating such motor vehicle, be in violation of this Code; or

(2) the vehicle is owned by the person under arrest, and the person under arrest gives permission to another person to operate such vehicle, provided however, that the other person possesses a valid operator's license and would not, as determined by the arresting law enforcement agency, indicate a lack of ability to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner or who would otherwise, by operating such motor vehicle, be in violation of this Code.

(e-5) (Blank). Whenever a registered owner of a vehicle is taken into custody for operating the vehicle in violation of Section 11 501 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance or Section 6 303 of this Code, a law enforcement officer may have the vehicle immediately impounded for a period not less than:

(1) 24 hours for a second violation of Section 11-501 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance or Section 6-303 of this Code or a combination of these offenses; or

(2) 48 hours for a third violation of Section 11 501 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance or

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Section 6-303 of this Code or a combination of these

The vehicle may be released sooner if the vehicle is owned by the person under arrest and the person under arrest gives permission to another person to operate the vehicle and that other person possesses a valid operator's license and would not, as determined by the arresting law enforcement agency, indicate a lack of ability to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner or would otherwise, by operating the motor vehicle, be in violation of this Code.

(f) (Blank). Except as provided in Chapter 18a of this Code, the owner or lessor of privately owned real property within this State, or any person authorized by such owner or lessor, or any law enforcement agency in the case of publicly owned real property may cause any motor vehicle abandoned or left unattended upon such property without permission to be removed by a towing service without liability for the costs of removal, transportation or storage or damage caused by such removal, transportation or storage. The towing or removal of any vehicle from private property without the consent of the registered owner or other legally authorized person in control of the vehicle is subject to compliance with the following conditions and restrictions:

1. Any towed or removed vehicle must be stored at the site of the towing service's place of business. The site must be open during business hours, and for the purpose of

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redemption of vehicles, during the time that the person or firm towing such vehicle is open for towing purposes.

2. The towing service shall within 30 minutes of completion of such towing or removal, notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of such towing or removal, and the make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle, and shall obtain and record the name of the person at the law enforcement agency to whom such information was reported.

3. If the registered owner or legally authorized person entitled to possession of the vehicle shall arrive at the scene prior to actual removal or towing of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be disconnected from the tow truck and that person shall be allowed to remove the vehicle without interference, upon the payment of a reasonable service fee of not more than one half the posted rate of the towing service as provided in paragraph 6 of this subsection, for which a receipt shall be given.

4. The rebate or payment of money or any other valuable consideration from the towing service or its owners, managers or employees to the owners or operators of the premises from which the vehicles are towed or removed, for the privilege of removing or towing those vehicles, is prohibited. Any individual who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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part of a single family residence, and except for instances where notice is personally given to the owner or other legally authorized person in control of the vehicle that the area in which that vehicle is parked is reserved or otherwise unavailable to unauthorized vehicles and they are subject to being removed at the owner or operator's expense, any property owner or lessor, prior to towing or removing any vehicle from private property without the consent of the owner or other legally authorized person in control of that vehicle, must post a notice meeting the following requirements:

a. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph a.1 of this subdivision (f)5, the notice must be prominently placed at each driveway access or curb cut allowing vehicular access to the property within 5 feet from the public right of way line. If there are no curbs or access barriers, the sign must be posted not less than one sign each 100 feet of lot frontage.

a.1. In a municipality with a population of less than 250,000, as an alternative to the requirement of subparagraph a of this subdivision (f)5, the notice for a parking lot contained within property used solely for a 2-family, 3-family, or 4-family residence may be prominently placed at the perimeter of the parking lot, in a position where the notice is visible to the occupants of vehicles entering the lot.

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b. The notice must indicate clearly, in not less than 2 inch high light-reflective letters on a contrasting background, that unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense.

c. The notice must also provide the name and current telephone number of the towing service towing or removing the vehicle.

d. The sign structure containing the required notices must be permanently installed with the bottom of the sign not less than 4 feet above ground level, and must be continuously maintained on the property for not less than 24 hours prior to the towing or removing of any vehicle.

6. Any towing service that tows or removes vehicles and proposes to require the owner, operator, or person in control of the vehicle to pay the costs of towing and storage prior to redemption of the vehicle must file and keep on record with the local law enforcement agency a complete copy of the current rates to be charged for such services, and post at the storage site an identical rate schedule and any written contracts with property owners, lessors, or persons in control of property which authorize them to remove vehicles as provided in this Section. The towing and storage charges, however, shall not exceed the maximum allowed by the Illinois Commerce Commission under Section 18a 200.

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7. No person shall engage in the removal of vehicles from private property as described in this Section without filing a notice of intent in each community where he intends to do such removal, and such notice shall be filed at least 7 days before commencing such towing.

8. No removal of a vehicle from private property shall be done except upon express written instructions of the owners or persons in charge of the private property upon which the vehicle is said to be trespassing.

9. Vehicle entry for the purpose of removal shall be allowed with reasonable care on the part of the person or firm towing the vehicle. Such person or firm shall be liable for any damages occasioned to the vehicle if such entry is not in accordance with the standards of reasonable care.

10. When a vehicle has been towed or removed pursuant to this Section, it must be released to its owner or custodian within one half hour after requested, if such request is made during business hours. Any vehicle owner or custodian or agent shall have the right to inspect the vehicle before accepting its return, and no release or waiver of any kind which would release the towing service from liability for damages incurred during the towing and storage may be required from any vehicle owner or other legally authorized person as a condition of release of the vehicle. A detailed, signed receipt showing the legal name

1	of the towing service must be given to the person paying
2	towing or storage charges at the time of payment, whether
3	requested or not.
4	This Section shall not apply to law enforcement,
5	firefighting, rescue, ambulance, or other emergency vehicles
6	which are marked as such or to property owned by any
7	governmental entity.
8	When an authorized person improperly causes a motor vehicle
9	to be removed, such person shall be liable to the owner or
10	lessee of the vehicle for the cost or removal, transportation
11	and storage, any damages resulting from the removal,
12	transportation and storage, attorney's fee and court costs.
13	Any towing or storage charges accrued shall be payable by
14	the use of any major credit card, in addition to being payable
15	in cash.
16	11. Towing companies shall also provide insurance
17	coverage for areas where vehicles towed under the
18	provisions of this Chapter will be impounded or otherwise
19	stored, and shall adequately cover loss by fire, theft or
20	other risks.
21	Any person who fails to comply with the conditions and
22	restrictions of this subsection shall be guilty of a Class C
23	misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than
24	\$500.
25	(g) (Blank).(1) When a vehicle is determined to be a

hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle pursuant to Section

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11-40-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code or Section 5-12002.1 of the Counties Code, its removal and impoundment by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

(2) When a vehicle removal from either public or private property is authorized by a law enforcement agency, the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all towing and storage charges.

(3) Vehicles removed from public or private property and stored by a commercial vehicle relocator or any other towing service authorized by a law enforcement agency in compliance with this Section and Sections 4-201 and 4-202 of this Code, or at the request of the vehicle owner or operator, shall be subject to a possessor lien for services pursuant to the Labor and Storage Lien (Small Amount) Act. The provisions of Section 1 of that Act relating to notice and implied consent shall be deemed satisfied by compliance with Section 18a 302 and subsection (6) of Section 18a 300. In no event shall such lien be greater than the rate or rates established in accordance with subsection (6) of Section 18a-200 of this Code. In no event shall such lien be increased or altered to reflect any charge for services or materials rendered in addition to those authorized by this Act. Every such lien shall be payable by use of any major credit card, in addition to being payable in cash.

(4) Any personal property belonging to the vehicle owner in a vehicle subject to a lien under this subsection (g) shall

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be subject to that lien, excepting only: child restraint systems as defined in Section 4 of the Child Passenger Protection Act and other child booster seats: eveglasses; food; medicine; perishable property; any operator's licenses; any cash, credit cards, or checks or checkbooks; any wallet, purse, or other property containing any operator's license or other identifying documents materials, cash, credit cards, checks, or checkbooks; and any personal property belonging to a person other than the vehicle owner if that person provides adequate proof that the personal property belongs to that person. The spouse, child, mother, father, brother, or sister of the vehicle owner may claim personal property excepted under this paragraph (4) if the person claiming the personal property provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with the authorization of the vehicle owner.

vehicle that is towed as a result of being involved in an accident. In addition to the personal property excepted under paragraph (4), all other personal property in a vehicle subject to a lien under this subsection (g) is exempt from that lien and may be claimed by the vehicle owner if the vehicle owner provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with proof that the vehicle owner has an insurance policy covering towing and storage fees. The spouse, child, mother, father, brother, or sister of the vehicle owner may claim

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personal property in a vehicle subject to a lien under this subsection (g) if the person claiming the personal property provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with the authorization of the vehicle owner and proof that the vehicle owner has an insurance policy covering towing and storage fees. The regulation of liens on personal property and exceptions to those liens in the case of vehicles towed as a result of being involved in an accident are exclusive powers and functions of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate liens on personal property and exceptions to those liens in the case of vehicles towed as a result of being involved in an accident. This paragraph (5) is a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

(6) No lien under this subsection (g) shall: exceed \$2,000 in its total amount; or be increased or altered to reflect any charge for services or materials rendered in addition to those authorized by this Act.

(h) (Blank). Whenever a peace officer issues a citation to a driver for a violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-506 of this Code, the arresting officer may have the vehicle which the person was operating at the time of the arrest impounded for a period of 5 days after the time of arrest. An impounding agency shall release a motor vehicle impounded under this subsection (h) to the registered owner of the vehicle under any of the following circumstances:

1	(1) If the vehicle is a stolen vehicle; or
2	(2) If the person ticketed for a violation of
3	subsection (a) of Section 11-506 of this Code was not
4	authorized by the registered owner of the vehicle to
5	operate the vehicle at the time of the violation; or
6	(3) If the registered owner of the vehicle was neither
7	the driver nor a passenger in the vehicle at the time of
8	the violation or was unaware that the driver was using the
9	vehicle to engage in street racing; or
10	(4) If the legal owner or registered owner of the
11	vehicle is a rental car agency; or
12	(5) If, prior to the expiration of the impoundment
13	period specified above, the citation is dismissed or the
14	defendant is found not guilty of the offense.
15	(Source: P.A. 96-1274, eff. 7-26-10; 96-1506, eff. 1-27-11;
16	97-779, eff. 7-13-12.)
17	(625 ILCS 5/4-203.1 new)
18	Sec. 4-203.1. Removal of Abandoned or Unattended Vehicles
19	on Private Property.
20	(a) Towing of vehicles from residential private property;
21	no notice posted. Except as provided in Chapter 18a of this
22	Code, the owner or lessor of privately owned residential real
23	property within this State, or any person authorized by the
24	owner or lessor, may cause any motor vehicle abandoned or left
25	unattended upon that property without permission to be removed

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The towing service shall keep the towed vehicle and its contents and maintain a record of the tow as required under Section 4-204 of this Code for law enforcement agencies until the vehicle is claimed by the owner or any other person legally entitled to its possession or until it is disposed of as provided in this Chapter.

The towing or removal of any vehicle from residential private property without the consent of the registered owner or other legally authorized person in control of the vehicle is subject to compliance with the following provisions:

- (1) any towed or removed vehicle must be stored at the site of the towing service's place of business. The site must be open during business hours, and for the purpose of redemption of vehicles, during the time that the person or firm towing the vehicle is open for towing purposes;
- (2) the towing service shall, within 30 minutes of completion of the towing or removal, notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the towing or removal, of the make, model, color, and license plate number of the vehicle, and shall obtain and record the name of the person at the law enforcement agency to whom the information was reported;
 - (3) if the registered owner or legally authorized

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person entitled to possession of the vehicle arrives at the scene prior to removal or towing of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be disconnected from the tow truck and that person shall be allowed to remove the vehicle without interference upon the payment of a reasonable service fee of not more than one-half the rate of the towing service posted with local law enforcement as required by subsection (c) of this Section, for which a receipt shall be given; and

- (4) the rebate or payment of money or any other valuable consideration from the towing service or its owners, managers, or employees to the owners or operators of the premises from which the vehicles are towed or removed, for the privilege of removing or towing those vehicles, is prohibited. Any person who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- (b) Towing Vehicles from Non-Residential Private Property. Except for private property obviously a part of a single-family residence, and except for instances where notice is personally given to the owner or operator of the vehicle that the area in which that vehicle is parking is reserved or otherwise unavailable and they are subject to being removed at the owner or operator's expense, any property owner or lessor, prior to towing or removing any vehicle from non-residential private property without the consent of the owner of that vehicle, shall post a notice meeting the following requirements:

1	(1) except as otherwise provided, the notice must be
2	prominently placed at each driveway access or curb cut
3	allowing vehicular access to the property within 5 feet
4	from the public right-of-way line. If there are no curbs or
5	access barriers, the sign must be posted not less than one
6	sign each 100 feet of lot frontage;
7	(2) in a municipality with a population of less than
8	250,000, as an alternative to the requirement of paragraph
9	(1) of subsection (b), the notice for a parking lot
10	contained within property used solely for a 2-family,
11	3-family, or 4-family residence may be prominently placed
12	at the perimeter of the parking lot, in a position where
13	the notice is visible to the occupants of vehicles entering
14	the lot;
15	(3) the notice must indicate clearly, in not less than
16	2 inch high light-reflective letters on a contrasting
17	background, that unauthorized vehicles will be towed away
18	at the owner's expense;
19	(4) the notice must also provide the name and current
20	telephone number of the towing service towing or removing
21	the vehicle; and
22	(5) the sign structure containing the required notices
23	must be permanently installed with the bottom of the sign
24	not less than 4 feet above ground level, and must be
25	continuously maintained on the property for not less than

24 hours prior to the towing or removing of any vehicle.

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- (c) Any towing service that tows or removes vehicles must file and keep on record with the local law enforcement agency a complete copy of the current rates to be charged for these services, and post at the storage site an identical rate schedule and any written contracts with property owners, lessors, or persons in control of property which authorize them to remove vehicles as provided in this Section. The towing and storage charges shall not exceed the maximum allowed by the Illinois Commerce Commission under Section 18a-200 of this Code.
 - (d) No person shall engage in the removal of vehicles from private property as described in this Section without filing a notice of intent in each community where he or she intends to conduct removal, and this notice shall be filed at least 7 days before commencing any towing.
 - (e) No removal of a vehicle from private property shall be done except upon express written instructions of the owners or persons in charge of the private property upon which the vehicle is said to be trespassing.
 - (f) Vehicle entry for the purpose of removal shall be allowed with reasonable care on the part of the person or firm towing the vehicle. This person or firm shall be liable for any damages to the vehicle if their entry is not in accordance with the standards of reasonable care.
- (q) When a vehicle has been towed or removed under this Section, it must be released to its owner within one-half hour

1	after requested, if the request is made during business hours.
2	Any vehicle owner or custodian or agent shall have the right to
3	inspect the vehicle before accepting its return, and no release
4	or waiver of any kind which would release the towing service
5	from liability for damages incurred during the towing and
6	storage may be required from any vehicle owner or other legally
7	authorized person as a condition of release of the vehicle. A
8	detailed, signed receipt showing the legal name of the towing
9	service must be given to the person paying towing or storage
10	charges at the time of payment.
11	This Section shall not apply to law enforcement,
12	firefighting, rescue, ambulance, or other emergency vehicles
13	which are marked as such or to property owned by any
14	governmental entity.
15	When an authorized person improperly causes a motor vehicle
16	to be removed, that person shall be liable to the owner or
17	lessee of the vehicle for the cost of removal, transportation,
18	storage, any damages resulting from the removal,
19	transportation and storage, attorney's fee, and court costs.
20	(h) Towing companies shall also provide insurance coverage
21	for areas where vehicles towed under the provisions of this
22	Chapter will be impounded or otherwise stored, and shall
23	adequately cover loss by fire, theft or other risks.
24	Any person who fails to comply with the conditions and
25	restrictions of this subsection shall be quilty of a Class C

misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than

\$500. 1

- (i) When a vehicle is determined to be a hazardous 2
- dilapidated motor vehicle under Section 11-40-3.1 of the 3
- 4 Illinois Municipal Code or Section 5-12002.1 of the Counties
- 5 Code, its removal and impoundment by a towing service may be
- authorized by a law enforcement agency with appropriate 6
- 7 jurisdiction.
- 8 (625 ILCS 5/4-203.2 new)
- 9 Sec. 4-203.2. Impoundment of Vehicles for Certain
- 10 Offenses.
- (a) Whenever a peace officer reasonably believes that a 11
- 12 person under arrest for a violation of Section 11-501 of this
- 13 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance is likely,
- 14 upon release, to commit a subsequent violation of Section
- 15 11-501, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, the
- arresting officer shall have the vehicle which the person was 16
- operating at the time of the arrest impounded for a period of 17
- 18 not more than 12 hours after the time of arrest. However, the
- 19 vehicle may be released by the arresting law enforcement agency
- 20 prior to the end of the impoundment period if:
- 21 (1) the vehicle was not owned by the person under
- arrest, and the lawful owner requesting the release 22
- 23 possesses a valid operator's license, proof of ownership,
- 24 and would not, as determined by the arresting law
- 25 enforcement agency, indicate a lack of ability to operate a

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2	operating the motor vehicle, be in violation of this Code;
3	<u>or</u>
4	(2) the vehicle is owned by the person under arrest,
5	and the person under arrest gives permission to another
6	person to operate the vehicle, provided however, that the
7	other person possesses a valid operator's license and would
8	not, as determined by the arresting law enforcement agency,
9	indicate a lack of ability to operate a motor vehicle in a
10	safe manner or who would otherwise, by operating the motor
11	vehicle, be in violation of this Code.
12	(b) Whenever a registered owner of a vehicle is taken into
13	custody for operating the vehicle in violation of Section
14	11-501 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance
15	or Section 6-303 of this Code, a law enforcement officer may
16	have the vehicle immediately impounded for a period not less
17	than:
18	(1) 24 hours for a second violation of Section 11-501
19	of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance or
20	Section 6-303 of this Code or a combination of these
21	offenses; or
22	(2) 48 hours for a third violation of Section 11-501 of
23	this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance or
24	Section 6-303 of this Code or a combination of these
25	offenses.
26	The vehicle may be released sooner if the vehicle is owned

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manner or would otherwise, by operating the motor vehicle	, be
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(c) Whenever a peace officer issues a citation to a dr	river
for a violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-506 of	this
Code, the arresting officer may have the vehicle which	the
person was operating at the time of the arrest impounded f	or a
period of 5 days after the time of arrest. An impounding ag	jency
shall release a motor vehicle impounded under this subsec	tion
(c) to the registered owner of the vehicle under any of	the
<pre>following circumstances:</pre>	
(1) if the vehicle is a stolen vehicle;	
(2) if the person ticketed for a violation	of
subsection (a) of Section 11-506 of this Code was	not
authorized by the registered owner of the vehicle	e to
operate the vehicle at the time of the violation;	

- (3) if the registered owner of the vehicle was neither the driver nor a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the violation or was unaware that the driver was using the vehicle to engage in street racing;
- (4) if the legal owner or registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car agency; or

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- 1 (5) if, prior to the expiration of the impoundment period specified above, the citation is dismissed or the 2 defendant is found not quilty of the offense. 3
- 4 (625 ILCS 5/4-204) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-204)
- 5 Sec. 4-204. Police authorized tows; reports, release of vehicles, payment. When a vehicle is authorized to be towed 6 away at the request of a law enforcement officer as provided in 7 Section 4-202 or 4-203: 8
 - (a) The authorization, any hold order, and any release shall be in writing, or confirmed in writing, by the authorizing law enforcement agency with a copy given to the towing service.
 - (b) The law enforcement agency police headquarters office of the law officer authorizing the tow towing shall keep and maintain a record of the vehicle towed, listing the color, year of manufacture, manufacturer's trade name, manufacturer's series name, body style, vehicle identification number Vehicle Identification Number, and license plate year and number for and registration sticker year and number displayed on the vehicle. The record shall also include the date and hour of tow, location towed from, location towed to, reason for towing and the name of the officer authorizing the tow.
 - (c) The owner, operator, or other legally entitled person shall be responsible to the towing service for payment of applicable removal, towing, storage, and processing charges

- and collection costs associated with a vehicle towed or held 1 2 under order or authorization of a law enforcement agency. If a vehicle towed or held under order or authorization of a law 3 enforcement agency is seized by the ordering or authorizing 4 5 agency or any other law enforcement or governmental agency and 6 sold, any unpaid removal, towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs shall be paid to the towing 7 8 service from the proceeds of the sale. If applicable law provides that the proceeds are to be paid into the treasury of 9 10 the appropriate civil jurisdiction, then any unpaid removal, 11 towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs shall be paid to the towing service from the treasury of the 12 13 civil jurisdiction. That payment shall not, however, exceed the 14 amount of proceeds from the sale, with the balance to be paid 15 by the owner, operator, or other legally entitled person.
 - (d) Upon delivery of a written release order to the towing service, a vehicle subject to a hold order shall be released to the owner, operator, or other legally entitled person upon proof of ownership or other entitlement and upon payment of applicable removal, towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)
- 23 (625 ILCS 5/4-205) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-205)
- Sec. 4-205. Record searches.

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authorizing the impounding or towing of a vehicle does not know
the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other
legally entitled person, the towing service or that law
enforcement agency will request a search of the title cause the
vehicle registration records of the <u>Secretary of</u> State to
determine ownership information of Illinois to be searched by
the Secretary of State for the purpose of obtaining the
required ownership information.

- (a-5) In the event that the Secretary of State cannot provide ownership information, the following means shall be used to identify the owner of the vehicle:
- (1) using the vehicle identification number to conduct a search through a commercial, nation-wide motor vehicle information service; or
 - (2) inspecting the vehicle for any evidence of the name or address of the owner or state of registration.
- (a-10) If evidence of the state of registration can be found by utilizing the means set forth in subsection (a-5) of this Section, the motor vehicle department of that state shall be contacted and requested to perform a record search for the name and address of any owner or lienholder.
- (b) The law enforcement agency authorizing the impounding of a vehicle will search cause the stolen motor vehicle files of the State Police to be searched by a directed communication to the State Police for stolen or wanted information on the vehicle. When the State Police files are searched with negative

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results, the information contained in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) files will be searched by the State Police. The information determined from these record searches will be returned to the requesting law enforcement agency for that agency's use in sending a notification by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder and other legally entitled persons advising where the vehicle is held, requesting a disposition be made and setting forth public sale information. Notification shall be sent no later than 10 business days after the date the law enforcement agency impounds or authorizes the impounding of a vehicle, provided that if the law enforcement agency is unable to determine the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to ownership of the impounded vehicle within a 10 business day period after impoundment, then notification shall be sent no later than 2 days after the date the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to ownership of the impounded vehicle is determined. Exceptions to a notification by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder and other legally entitled persons are set forth in Section 4-209 of this Code. (b-5) If an abandoned or unclaimed vehicle displays a

dealer, transporter, or manufacturer license plate or temporary registration plate, the towing service or law enforcement agency, in addition to requesting a search of the title record of the vehicle, shall request a registration

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record of the vehicle.

(c) (Blank). When ownership information is needed for a towing service to give notification as required under this Code, the towing service may cause the vehicle registration records of the State of Illinois to be searched by the Secretary of State, and in such case, the towing service also shall give notice to all lienholders of record within the time period required for such other notices.

The written request of a towing service, in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Secretary of State by rule, may be transmitted to the Secretary of State in person, by U.S. mail or other delivery service, by facsimile transmission, or by other means the Secretary of State deems acceptable.

The Secretary of State shall provide the required information, or a statement that the information was not found in the vehicle registration records of the State, by U.S. mail or other delivery service, facsimile transmission, as requested by the towing service, or by other means acceptable to the Secretary of State.

- (d) (Blank). The Secretary of State may prescribe standards and procedures for submission of requests for record searches and replies via computer link.
- (e) (Blank). Fees for services provided under this Section shall be in amounts prescribed by the Secretary of State under Section 3 821.1 of this Code. Payment may be made by the towing

- 1 -commonly accepted credit
- 2 other means of payment deemed acceptable by the Secretary of
- 3 State.
- (Source: P.A. 95-838, eff. 8-15-08.) 4
- 5 (625 ILCS 5/4-207) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-207)
- Sec. 4-207. Reclaimed vehicles; expenses. 6
- 7 (a) Any time before a vehicle is sold at public sale or
- 8 disposed of as provided in Section 4-208, the owner, lienholder
- 9 or other person legally entitled to its possession may reclaim
- 10 the vehicle by presenting to the law enforcement agency having
- custody of the vehicle proof of ownership or proof of the right 11
- 12 to possession of the vehicle. In order to reclaim the vehicle,
- 13 the owner, lienholder, or other person legally entitled to its
- 14 possession must pay all towing and storage charges. Storage
- charges may not exceed 60 days. Payment may be made by use of 15
- any major credit card, in addition to being payable in cash. 16
- (b) (Blank). No vehicle shall be released to the owner, 17
- 18 lienholder, or other person under this Section until all
- towing, storage, and processing charges have been paid. 19
- (Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.) 20
- 21 (625 ILCS 5/4-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-208)
- 22 Sec. 4-208. Notice for disposal Disposal of unclaimed
- 2.3 vehicles.
- 24 (a) In cities having a population of more than 500,000,

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whenever an abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicle, or vehicle determined to be a hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle pursuant to Section 11-40-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, remains unclaimed by the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled person for a period of 18 days after notice has been given under Sections 4 205 and 4 206 of this Code, if during that 18 days the possessor of the vehicle has sent an additional notice by first class mail to the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled person, the vehicle shall be disposed, pursuant to the provisions of the "Municipal purchasing act for cities of 500,000 or more population", to a person licensed as an automotive parts recycler, rebuilder or scrap processor under Chapter 5 of this Code. With respect to any vehicle that has been booted, impounded, or both in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 11-208.3, a city with a population over 500,000 may establish a program whereby the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled person is entitled to any proceeds from the disposition of the vehicle, less any reasonable storage charges, administrative fees, booting fees, towing fees, and parking and compliance fines and penalties.

(a-5) After a towing service or law enforcement agency determines the vehicle owner and any lienholder as required under Section 4-205 of this Code, the towing service or law enforcement agency shall send a certified notice to the owner and lienholder no later than 10 business days after the date of

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the tow. If the identity of the registered owner or lienholder cannot be determined within 10 business days after the tow, then certified notice shall be sent no later than 2 days after the date the identity of the registered owner or lienholder of the vehicle is determined. The certified notice shall contain the name and location where the vehicle is being stored, hours of operation, and the total amount owed. The notice shall also provide notice to the registered owner, lienholder and other legally entitled person that if redemption does not occur within 10 business days of the date of the notice, the vehicle shall be sold at sale. The date, time, and place of sale shall be contained on the notice.

(a-10) If an abandoned or unclaimed vehicle displays a dealer, transporter, or manufacturer license plate or a temporary registration plate, the towing service or the law enforcement agency shall send the certified notices required under this Section to the person or entity having registration plates last issued as well as to the last registered owner or lienholder of the vehicle.

(b) (Blank). Except as provided in Section 4-208 for cities with more than 500,000 inhabitants, when an abandoned, stolen or unclaimed vehicle 7 years of age or newer remains unclaimed by the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons for a period of 30 days after notice has been given as provided in Sections 4 205 and 4 206 of law enforcement agency or towing service having possession of

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the vehicle shall cause it to be sold at public auction to a person licensed as an automotive parts recycler, rebuilder or scrap processor under Chapter 5 of this Code or the towing operator which towed the vehicle. Notice of the time and place of the sale shall be posted in a conspicuous place for at least 10 days prior to the sale on the premises where the vehicle has been impounded. At least 10 days prior to the sale, the law enforcement agency where the vehicle is impounded, or the towing service where the vehicle is impounded, shall cause a notice of the time and place of the sale to be sent by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled persons. Notice as provided in Sections 4-205 and 4-206 of this Code and as provided in this subsection (b) shall state the time and place of sale and shall contain complete description of the vehicle to be sold and what steps must be taken by any legally entitled person to reclaim the vehicle.

- (c) (Blank). If an abandoned, lost, stolen, or unclaimed vehicle displays dealer plates, notice under this Section and Section 4-209 of this Code shall be sent to both the dealer and the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled persons.
- (d) (Blank). In those instances where the certified notification specified in Sections 4-205 and 4-206 of this Code has been returned by the postal authorities to the law enforcement agency or towing service, the sending of a second

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Sec. 4-209.1. Disposal of hazardous dilapidated motor vehicles. Any hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Article and Section 11-40-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code, whether impounded at a public facility or on the property of private towing service, shall be kept in custody for a period of 10 business days for the purpose of determining the identity of the registered owner or lienholder and contacting such owner or lienholder, if known, by regular U.S. Mail. At the expiration of the 10 business day -day period, without benefit of disposition information being received from the registered owner or lienholder, the towing service may dispose law enforcement agency having jurisdiction will authorize the disposal of the vehicle as junk.

(Source: P.A. 86-460.) 18

- (625 ILCS 5/4-209.2) 19
- 20 Sec. 4-209.2. Collection of unpaid charges.
- 21 (a) When a vehicle is abandoned or unclaimed, it shall be 22 presumed that the last registered owner is responsible for the 23 abandonment and shall be liable for all towing, storage, and 24 collection costs, less any amounts realized in the disposal of

- 1 the vehicle. The last registered owner's liability for storage 2 fees may not exceed a maximum of 60 days.
- 3 (b) The presumption established under this Section may be 4 rebutted by a showing that, prior to the time of the tow:
- 5 (1) a report of vehicle theft was filed with respect to 6 the vehicle; or
- (2) the vehicle was sold or transferred and the last 7 registered owner provides the towing service with the 8 9 identify and address of the new owner at the time of the 10 sale or transfer.
- 11 In an action to collect towing, storage, and processing charges 12 that remain unpaid after disposition of a vehicle towed 13 relocated under this Code, the towing service may recover
- reasonable collection costs. 14
- 15 (Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)
- (625 ILCS 5/4-209.3 new)16
- Sec. 4-209.3. Personal property; unpaid charges after 17 18 sale.
- 19 (a) Any personal property belonging to the vehicle owner in a vehicle subject to a lien under this Section shall likewise 20 be subject to that lien, except for: child restraint systems as 21 22 defined in Section 4 of the Child Passenger Protection Act and 23 other child booster seats; eyeglasses; food; medicine; perishable property; any operator's licenses; any cash, credit 24 cards, or checks or checkbooks; any wallet, purse, or other 25

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property containing any operator's license or other identifying documents or materials, cash, credit cards, checks, or checkbooks; and any personal property belonging to a person other than the vehicle owner if that person provides adequate proof that the personal property belongs to that person. The spouse, child, mother, father, brother, or sister of the vehicle owner may claim personal property excepted under this Section if the person claiming the personal property provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with the authorization of the vehicle owner.

(b) This subsection applies only in the case of a vehicle that is towed as a result of being involved in an accident. In addition to the personal property excepted under paragraph (a), all other personal property in a vehicle subject to a lien under this subsection (b) is exempt from that lien and may be claimed by the vehicle owner if the vehicle owner provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with proof that the vehicle owner has an insurance policy covering towing and storage fees. The spouse, child, mother, father, brother, or sister of the vehicle owner may claim personal property in a vehicle subject to a lien under this <u>Section if the person</u> claiming the personal property provides the commercial vehicle relocator or towing service with the authorization of the vehicle owner and proof that the vehicle owner has an insurance policy covering towing and storage fees. The regulation of liens on personal property and exceptions to those liens in the

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1 case of vehicles towed as a result of being involved in an accident are exclusive powers and functions of the State. A 2 home rule unit may not regulate liens on personal property and 3 4 exceptions to those liens in the case of vehicles towed as a 5 result of being involved in an accident. This subsection is a 6 denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois 7 8 Constitution.

(c) In an action to collect towing, storage, and processing charges that remain unpaid after disposition of a vehicle towed or relocated under this Code, the towing service may recover reasonable collection costs.

13 (625 ILCS 5/4-212) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-212)

> Sec. 4-212. Ownership documents for vehicles after public sale - removal of liens. When an applicant for a salvage certificate or junking certificate under this Chapter presents to the Secretary of State proof that he has purchased or acquired a vehicle at a public sale as authorized by this Chapter and such fact is certified to by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the public sale of a vehicle, the Secretary of State shall issue a salvage certificate or junking certificate under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 3-117.1 of this Code for the vehicle upon receipt of the statutory fee and a properly executed application for a salvage certificate or junking certificate. The salvage

- 1 certificate or junking certificate issued by the Secretary of
- 2 State under this Section shall be free of any lien that existed
- 3 against the vehicle prior to the time the vehicle was acquired
- 4 by the applicant under this Chapter.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 85-951.)
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/4-212.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-212.1)
- 7 Sec. 4-212.1. In cities with more than 500,000 inhabitants,
- 8 the corporate authorities may, by ordinance, designate any
- 9 department of municipal government to do any of the following:
- 10 (1) To perform any of the duties and functions specified
- 11 for law enforcement agencies in this Article subsection (a) of
- 12 Section 4-205 and in Sections 4-201, 4-203, 4-204, 4-206,
- 13 4 207, 4 208, 4 209, 4 210, 4 211 and 4 212; and
- 14 (2) To authorize a towing service to remove and take
- possession of abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicles, in
- 16 the manner that municipal police may make such authorization
- pursuant to Section 4-202; and
- 18 (3) To send notifications as required under subsection (b)
- 19 of Section 4-208 + 4-205.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 86-947.)
- 21 (625 ILCS 5/4-214) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-214)
- Sec. 4-214. Violations of Section 4-201.
- 23 (a) Any person who violates Section 4-201 of this Code or
- 24 who aids and abets in that violation:

(1) shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$200; and

2	(2) shall be required by the court to make a
3	disposition on the abandoned or unclaimed vehicle and pay
4	all towing, storage, and processing charges and collection
5	costs pursuant to Section 4 203, subsections (a) and (e) .
6	(b) (Blank). When a vehicle is abandoned, it shall be
7	presumed that the last registered owner is responsible for the
8	abandonment and shall be liable for all towing, storage, and
9	processing charges and collection costs, less any amounts
10	realized in the disposal of the vehicle. The last registered
11	owner's liability for storage fees may not exceed a maximum of
12	30 days' storage fees.
13	The presumption established under this subsection may be
14	rebutted by a showing that, prior to the time of the tow:
15	(1) a report of vehicle theft was filed with respect to
16	the vehicle; or
17	(2) the vehicle was sold or transferred and the last
18	registered owner provides the towing service with the
19	correct identity and address of the new owner at the time
20	of the sale or transfer.
21	If the presumption established under this subsection is
22	rebutted, the person responsible for theft of the vehicle or to
23	whom the vehicle was sold or transferred is liable for all
24	towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs.
25	(Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)

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Sec. 4-215. Rebuilt vehicles; clean titles. A tow service authorized by a law enforcement agency to tow a vehicle may obtain a certificate of title for that towed vehicle that is not a salvage or junking certificate from a certificate of purchase if the vehicle has not sustained any structural damage, there is no history of a salvage certificate, and the vehicle has undergone a salvage inspection by the Secretary of State and a safety inspection under Section 13-101 of this Code. The application for a certificate of title applied for under this Section shall contain an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the vehicle on the date of the tow was not damaged in excess of 33% of its fair market value, has no structural damage and has no history of salvage. The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement this Section. Persons licensed under Section 5 301 of this Code may obtain certificate of title that does not bear the notation "REBUILT" from a certificate of purchase when the damage to the vehicle or less of its market value, there has structural damage to the vehicle, there is no history of salvage certificate, and the vehicle has undergone a salvage inspection by the Secretary of State and a safety inspection under Section 13-101 of this Code. The application for certificate of title shall contain an affirmation under penalty for perjury that the vehicle on the date of the application not damaged in excess of 25% of its market value, has no

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- (625 ILCS 5/4-206 rep.) 3
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- Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by 5
- repealing Sections 4-206 and 4-209.". 6