

# HOUSE BILL No. 4231

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 252a, 252b, 252d, and 252g (MCL 257.252a, 257.252b, 257.252d, and 257.252g), section 252a as amended by 2002 PA 649, section 252b as amended and section 252g as added by 1981 PA 104, and section 252d as amended by 2000 PA 76.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 252a. (1) As used in this section, "**public property**  
2 abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle that has remained on public  
3 property ~~or private property~~ for a period of 48 hours, after a  
4 police agency or other governmental agency designated by the  
5 police agency has affixed a written notice to the vehicle or on a  
6 state trunk line highway as described in section 1 of 1951 PA 51,  
7 MCL 247.651, as follows:

8       (a) If a valid registration plate is affixed to the vehicle,

1 for a period of 18 hours.

2 (b) If a valid registration plate is not affixed to the  
3 vehicle.

4 (2) "Private property abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle that  
5 has remained on private property for a period of 48 hours after a  
6 written notice has been affixed to the vehicle.

7 (3) ~~-(2)-~~ If a vehicle has remained on public or private  
8 property for a period of time so that it appears to the police  
9 agency to be abandoned, the police agency shall do all of the  
10 following:

11 (a) Determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.

12 (b) Affix a written notice to the vehicle. The written  
13 notice shall contain the following information:

14 (i) The date and time the notice was affixed.

15 (ii) The name and address of the police agency taking the  
16 action.

17 (iii) The name and badge number of the police officer  
18 affixing the notice.

19 (iv) The date and time the vehicle may be taken into custody  
20 and stored at the owner's expense or scrapped if the vehicle is  
21 not removed.

22 (v) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
23 vehicle, if available.

24 (4) ~~-(3)-~~ If the vehicle is an abandoned vehicle, the police  
25 agency may have the vehicle taken into custody.

26 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ A police agency that has a vehicle taken into  
27 custody shall do all of the following:

1 (a) Recheck to determine if the vehicle has been reported  
2 stolen.

3 (b) Within 24 hours after taking the vehicle into custody,  
4 enter the vehicle as abandoned into the law enforcement  
5 information network.

6 (c) Within 7 days after taking the vehicle into custody, send  
7 to the registered owner and secured party, as shown by the  
8 records of the secretary of state, by first-class mail or  
9 personal service, notice that the vehicle is considered  
10 abandoned. The form for the notice shall be furnished by the  
11 secretary of state. Each notice form shall contain the following  
12 information:

13 (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
14 vehicle if available.

15 (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into  
16 custody.

17 (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.

18 (iv) The name and address of the police agency that had the  
19 vehicle taken into custody.

20 (v) The business address of the custodian of the vehicle.

21 (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.

22 (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle is  
23 considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and  
24 daily storage fees.

25 (viii) A form petition that the owner may file in person or  
26 by mail with the specified court that requests a hearing on the  
27 police agency's action.

1           (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to  
2 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may  
3 result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all  
4 rights of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the  
5 proceeds of the sale.

6           (6) ~~-(5)-~~ The registered owner may contest the fact that the  
7 vehicle is considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the  
8 towing fees and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A  
9 request for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the  
10 court specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of  
11 the notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be  
12 resolved after a hearing conducted under sections 252e and 252f.  
13 An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle  
14 by posting a towing and storage bond in an amount equal to the  
15 accrued towing and storage fees with the court. The owner of a  
16 vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle  
17 by paying the towing and storage fees instead of posting the  
18 towing and storage bond. ~~If the court finds that the vehicle~~  
19 ~~was not properly considered abandoned, the police agency shall~~  
20 ~~reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the accrued towing and~~  
21 ~~storage fees.~~

22           (7) ~~-(6)-~~ If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she  
23 may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued  
24 charges to the custodian of the vehicle.

25           (8) ~~-(7)-~~ If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request  
26 a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice, the  
27 secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the

1 accrued charges to the custodian of the vehicle and the police  
2 agency for its accrued costs.

3 (9) If a vehicle has remained on private property for a  
4 period of time so that it appears to the owner of the private  
5 property to be abandoned, the owner of the private property shall  
6 affix or cause to be affixed a written notice to the vehicle.

7 The written notice shall contain the following information:

8 (a) The date and time the written notice was affixed.

9 (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the property  
10 owner taking the action.

11 (c) The date and time the vehicle may be taken into custody  
12 and stored at the owner's expense or scrapped if the vehicle is  
13 not removed.

14 (d) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
15 vehicle, if available.

16 (10) If the vehicle is not removed within 48 hours after the  
17 date the notice was affixed, the vehicle is considered abandoned  
18 and the owner of the private property may have the vehicle taken  
19 into custody.

20 (11) Before removing the vehicle from private property, the  
21 towing service shall notify a police agency to determine if the  
22 vehicle has been reported stolen and have the vehicle entered  
23 into the law enforcement information network as an abandoned  
24 vehicle.

25 (12) Within 24 hours after taking the abandoned vehicle into  
26 custody, the custodian shall notify a court officer from within  
27 the jurisdiction from where the vehicle was towed of the location

1 of the abandoned vehicle.

2 (13) Within 7 days after being notified, the court officer  
3 shall send to the registered owner and secured party, as shown by  
4 the records of the secretary of state, by first-class mail or  
5 personal service, notice that the vehicle is considered  
6 abandoned. The form for the notice shall be furnished by the  
7 secretary of state. Each notice form shall contain the following  
8 information:

9 (a) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
10 vehicle if available.

11 (b) The location from which the vehicle was taken into  
12 custody.

13 (c) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.

14 (d) The name and address of the private property owner or  
15 towing service that had the vehicle taken into custody.

16 (e) The business address of the custodian of the vehicle.

17 (f) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.

18 (g) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle is  
19 considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and  
20 daily storage fees.

21 (h) A form petition that the owner may file in person or by  
22 mail with the specified court that requests a hearing on the  
23 custodian's action.

24 (i) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to  
25 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may  
26 result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all  
27 rights of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the

1 proceeds of the sale.

2       (14) The registered owner may contest the fact that the  
3 vehicle is considered abandoned or the reasonableness of the  
4 towing fees and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A  
5 request for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the  
6 court specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of  
7 the notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be  
8 resolved after a hearing conducted under sections 252e and 252f.  
9 An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle  
10 by posting a towing and storage bond in an amount equal to the  
11 accrued towing and storage fees with the court. The owner of a  
12 vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle  
13 by paying the towing and storage fees instead of posting the  
14 towing and storage bond.

15       (15) If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she may  
16 obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges  
17 to the custodian of the vehicle.

18       (16) If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request a  
19 hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice, the secured  
20 party may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued  
21 charges to the custodian of the vehicle for its accrued costs.

22       (17) ~~-(8) Not~~ Subject to subsection (18), not less than 20  
23 days after the disposition of the hearing described in subsection  
24 (5) or, if a hearing is not requested, not less than 20 days  
25 after the date of the notice, the police agency **if the abandoned**  
26 **vehicle is found on public property or, except as provided in**  
27 **subsection (18), a court officer if the property is found on**

1 private property shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public  
2 sale pursuant to section 252g.

3 (18) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (17)  
4 pertaining to the sale of abandoned vehicles, a local unit of  
5 government that maintains a vehicle storage or impound lot for  
6 abandoned vehicles may adopt an ordinance that requires that the  
7 public sale of abandoned vehicles found on private property be  
8 conducted by a court officer of a court within the jurisdiction  
9 of the local unit of government in the same manner as prescribed  
10 under section 252g. In the absence of an ordinance authorized  
11 under this subsection, the police agency of a local unit of  
12 government shall offer the vehicle for sale.

13 (19) ~~-(9)-~~ If the ownership of a vehicle that is considered  
14 abandoned under this section cannot be determined either because  
15 of the condition of the vehicle identification numbers or because  
16 a check with the records of the secretary of state does not  
17 reveal ownership, the police agency may sell the vehicle at  
18 public sale pursuant to section 252g, not less than 30 days after  
19 public notice of the sale has been published.

20 Sec. 252b. (1) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Registered abandoned scrap vehicle" means a vehicle  
22 ~~which~~ **that** meets all of the following requirements:

23 (i) Is on public or private property.

24 (ii) Is 7 or more years old.

25 (iii) Is apparently inoperable or is extensively damaged, to  
26 the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle so that it is  
27 operational and safe as required by section 683 would exceed the



1 fair market value of that vehicle.

2 (iv) Is currently registered in the state of Michigan or  
3 displays current year registration plates from another state.

4 (v) Is not removed within 48 hours after a written notice as  
5 described in section 252a(2)(b) is affixed to the vehicle.

6 (b) "Unregistered abandoned scrap vehicle" means a vehicle  
7 ~~which~~ **that** meets all of the following requirements:

8 (i) Is on public or private property.

9 (ii) Is 7 or more years old.

10 (iii) Is apparently inoperable or is extensively damaged, to  
11 the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle so that it is  
12 operational and safe as required by section 683 ~~—~~ would exceed  
13 the fair market value of that vehicle.

14 (iv) Is not currently registered in this state and does not  
15 display current year registration plates from another state.

16 (v) Is not removed within 48 hours after a written notice as  
17 described in section 252a(2)(b) is affixed to the vehicle.

18 (2) A police agency may have an unregistered abandoned scrap  
19 vehicle taken into custody, in which case the police agency shall  
20 do all of the following:

21 (a) Determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.

22 (b) Take 2 photographs of the vehicle.

23 (c) Make a report to substantiate the vehicle as an  
24 unregistered abandoned scrap vehicle. The report shall contain  
25 the following information:

26 (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number if  
27 available.

1 (ii) The date of abandonment.

2 (iii) The location of abandonment.

3 (iv) A detailed listing of the damage or the missing  
4 equipment.

5 (v) The reporting officer's name and title.

6 (vi) The location where the vehicle is being held.

7 (d) Within 24 hours after taking the vehicle into custody,  
8 enter the vehicle into the law enforcement information network.

9 (3) Within 24 hours, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and legal  
10 holidays, after taking the vehicle into custody, the police  
11 agency **or court officer, as appropriate,** shall complete a release  
12 form and release the vehicle to the towing service or a used  
13 vehicle parts dealer or vehicle scrap metal processor, who shall  
14 then transmit that release form to the secretary of state and  
15 apply for a certificate of the title or a certificate of  
16 scrapping. Upon receipt of the release form and application, the  
17 secretary of state shall issue a certificate of title or a  
18 certificate of scrapping.

19 (4) The release form described in subsection (3) shall be  
20 furnished by the secretary of state and shall include a  
21 certification executed by the applicable police agency **or court**  
22 **officer, as appropriate,** when the abandoned scrap vehicle is  
23 released. The certification shall state that the police agency  
24 has complied with all the requirements of subsection (2)(b) and  
25 (c).

26 (5) The secretary of state shall retain the records relating  
27 to an abandoned scrap vehicle for not less than 2 years. The 2

1 photographs taken pursuant to subsection (2)(b) shall be retained  
2 by the police agency **or court officer** for not less than 2 years.  
3 After the certificate of scrapping has been issued, a certificate  
4 of title for the vehicle shall not be issued again.

5 (6) A police agency **or private property owner** may have a  
6 registered abandoned scrap vehicle taken into custody, in which  
7 case the police agency **or the towing service** shall do all of the  
8 following:

9 (a) Determine if the vehicle has been **reported** stolen.

10 (b) Take 2 photographs of the vehicle.

11 (c) Make a report to substantiate the vehicle as a registered  
12 abandoned scrap vehicle. The report shall contain the following  
13 information:

14 (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number if  
15 available.

16 (ii) The date of abandonment.

17 (iii) The location of abandonment.

18 (iv) A detailed listing of the damage or the missing  
19 equipment.

20 (v) The reporting ~~officer's~~ **individual's** name and title.

21 (vi) The location where the vehicle is being held.

22 (d) Within 24 hours after taking the vehicle into custody,  
23 ~~enter~~ **cause** the vehicle **to be entered** into the law enforcement  
24 information network.

25 (e) Within 7 days after taking the vehicle into custody, send  
26 to the registered owner and secured party, as shown by the  
27 records of the secretary of state, by first-class mail or

1 personal service, notice that the vehicle ~~has been deemed~~ **is**  
2 **considered** abandoned. The form for the notice shall be furnished  
3 by the secretary of state. Each notice form shall contain the  
4 following information:

5 (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
6 vehicle if available.

7 (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into  
8 custody.

9 (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.

10 (iv) The name and address of the police agency ~~which~~ **or the**  
11 **private property owner that** had the vehicle taken into custody.

12 (v) The business address of the custodian of the vehicle.

13 (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.

14 (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle ~~has~~  
15 ~~been deemed~~ **is considered** abandoned or the reasonableness of the  
16 towing fees and daily storage fees.

17 (viii) A form petition which the owner may file in person or  
18 by mail with the specified court which requests a hearing on the  
19 ~~police agency's action~~ **custody of the vehicle.**

20 (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to  
21 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may  
22 result in the termination of all rights of the owner and the  
23 secured party to the vehicle.

24 (7) The registered owner of a registered abandoned scrap  
25 vehicle may contest the fact that the vehicle ~~has been deemed~~  
26 **is considered** abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees  
27 and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A request for a

1 hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the court  
2 specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of the  
3 notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be  
4 resolved after a hearing conducted pursuant to sections 252e and  
5 252f. An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the  
6 vehicle by posting a towing and storage bond with the court in an  
7 amount as determined by the court. The owner of a vehicle who  
8 requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by paying  
9 the towing and storage fees instead of posting the towing and  
10 storage bond. ~~If the court finds that the vehicle was not  
11 properly deemed abandoned, the police agency shall reimburse the  
12 owner of the vehicle for the accrued towing and storage fees.~~

13 (8) If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she may  
14 obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges  
15 to the custodian of the vehicle.

16 (9) If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request a  
17 hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice, the secured  
18 party may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued  
19 charges to the custodian of the vehicle.

20 (10) Not less than 20 days after the disposition of the  
21 hearing described in subsection (7), or if a hearing is not  
22 requested, not less than 20 days after the date of the notice  
23 described in subsection (6)(e), the police agency **or court**  
24 **officer** shall follow the procedures established in subsections  
25 (3) to (5).

26 Sec. 252d. (1) A police agency or a governmental agency  
27 designated by the police agency may provide for the immediate

1 removal of a vehicle from public or private property to a place  
2 of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the  
3 vehicle in any of the following circumstances:

4 (a) If the vehicle is in such a condition that the continued  
5 operation of the vehicle upon the highway would constitute an  
6 immediate hazard to the public.

7 (b) If the vehicle is parked or standing upon the highway in  
8 such a manner as to create an immediate public hazard or an  
9 obstruction of traffic.

10 (c) If a vehicle is parked in a posted tow away zone.

11 (d) If there is reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle  
12 or any part of the vehicle is stolen.

13 (e) If the vehicle must be seized to preserve evidence of a  
14 crime, or when there is reasonable cause to believe that the  
15 vehicle was used in the commission of a crime.

16 (f) If removal is necessary in the interest of public safety  
17 because of fire, flood, storm, snow, natural or man-made  
18 disaster, or other emergency.

19 (g) If the vehicle is hampering the use of private property  
20 by the owner or person in charge of that property or is parked in  
21 a manner which impedes the movement of another vehicle.

22 (h) If the vehicle is stopped, standing, or parked in a space  
23 designated as parking for persons with disabilities and is not  
24 permitted by law to be stopped, standing, or parked in a space  
25 designated as parking for persons with disabilities.

26 (i) If the vehicle is located in a clearly identified access  
27 aisle or access lane immediately adjacent to a space designated

1 as parking for persons with disabilities.

2 (j) If the vehicle is interfering with the use of a ramp or a  
3 curb-cut by persons with disabilities.

4 (2) A police agency which authorizes the removal of a vehicle  
5 under subsection (1) shall do all of the following:

6 (a) Check to determine if the vehicle has been reported  
7 stolen.

8 (b) Within 24 hours after removing the vehicle, enter the  
9 vehicle into the law enforcement information network if the  
10 vehicle has not been redeemed. This subdivision does not apply  
11 to a vehicle that is removed from the scene of a motor vehicle  
12 traffic accident.

13 (c) If the vehicle has not been redeemed within 10 days after  
14 moving the vehicle, send to the registered owner and the secured  
15 party as shown by the records of the secretary of state, by  
16 first-class mail or personal service, a notice that the vehicle  
17 has been removed; however, if the police agency **or court officer**  
18 informs the owner or operator of the vehicle of the removal and  
19 the location of the vehicle within 24 hours after the removal,  
20 and if the vehicle has not been redeemed within 30 days and upon  
21 complaint from the towing service, the police agency **or court**  
22 **officer** shall send the notice within 30 days after the removal.  
23 The notice shall be by a form furnished by the secretary of  
24 state. The notice form shall contain the following information:

25 (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the  
26 vehicle.

27 (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into

1 custody.

2 (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.

3 (iv) The name and address of the police agency ~~which~~ **that**  
4 had the vehicle taken into custody.

5 (v) The location where the vehicle is being held.

6 (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.

7 (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle was  
8 properly removed or the reasonableness of the towing and daily  
9 storage fees.

10 (viii) A form petition which the owner may file in person or  
11 by mail with the specified court that requests a hearing on the  
12 police agency's action.

13 (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to  
14 request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may  
15 result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all  
16 rights of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the  
17 proceeds of the sale or to both the vehicle and the proceeds.

18 (3) The registered owner may contest the fact that the  
19 vehicle was properly removed or the reasonableness of the towing  
20 fees and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A request  
21 for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the court  
22 specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of the  
23 notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be  
24 resolved after a hearing conducted pursuant to sections 252e and  
25 252f. An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the  
26 vehicle by posting a towing and storage bond with the court in an  
27 amount equal to the accrued towing and storage fees. The owner



1 of a vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the  
2 vehicle by paying the towing and storage fees instead of posting  
3 the towing and storage bond. ~~If the court finds that the~~  
4 ~~vehicle was not properly removed, the police agency shall~~  
5 ~~reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the accrued towing and~~  
6 ~~storage fees.~~

7 (4) If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she may  
8 obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges  
9 to the custodian of the vehicle.

10 (5) If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request a  
11 hearing within 20 days, the secured party may obtain the release  
12 of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges to the custodian of  
13 the vehicle prior to the date of the sale.

14 (6) Not less than 20 days after the disposition of the  
15 hearing described in subsection (3), or if a hearing is not  
16 requested, not less than 20 days after the date of the notice  
17 described in subsection (2)(c), the police agency **or the court**  
18 **officer** shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public sale unless  
19 the vehicle is redeemed. The public sale shall be held pursuant  
20 to section 252g.

21 (7) If the ownership of a vehicle that was removed under this  
22 section cannot be determined either because of the condition of  
23 the vehicle identification numbers or because a check with the  
24 records of the secretary of state does not reveal ownership, the  
25 police agency **or the court officer** may sell the vehicle at public  
26 sale pursuant to section 252g, not less than 30 days after public  
27 notice of the sale has been published.

1           Sec. 252g. (1) ~~A~~ **Subject to section 252a(16) or (17), a**  
2 public sale for a vehicle which has been ~~deemed~~ **considered**  
3 abandoned under section 252a or 252c or removed under section  
4 252d shall be conducted in the following manner:

5           (a) It shall be under the control of the police agency or  
6 agent of the police agency **or a court officer.**

7           (b) It shall be open to the public and consist of open  
8 auction bidding or bidding by sealed bids. If sealed bids are  
9 received, the person submitting the bid shall receive a receipt  
10 for the bid from the police agency, ~~or~~ agent of the police  
11 agency, **or the court officer if being sold under section 252a(16)**  
12 **or (17).**

13           (c) Except as provided by sections ~~252a(9)~~ **252a(16) or (17)**  
14 and 252d(7), it shall be held not less than 5 days after public  
15 notice of the sale has been published.

16           (d) The public notice shall be published at least once in a  
17 newspaper having a general circulation within the county in which  
18 the vehicle was abandoned. The public notice shall give a  
19 description of the vehicle for sale and shall state the time,  
20 date, and location of the sale.

21           (2) The money received from the public sale of the vehicle  
22 shall be applied in the following order of priority:

23           (a) Towing and storage charges.

24           (b) Expenses incurred by the police agency **or the court**  
25 **officer.**

26           (c) To the secured party, if any, in the amount of the debt  
27 outstanding on the vehicle.

1 (d) Remainder to the owner. A reasonable attempt shall be  
2 made to mail the remainder to the registered owner. If delivery  
3 of the remainder cannot be accomplished, the remainder shall  
4 become the property of the unit of government that the police  
5 agency represents.

6 (3) If there are no bidders on the vehicle, the police agency  
7 **or the court officer** may do 1 of the following:

8 (a) Turn the vehicle over to the towing firm **or the custodian**  
9 **of the vehicle** to satisfy charges against the vehicle.

10 (b) Obtain title to the vehicle for the police agency or the  
11 unit of government the police agency represents, by doing the  
12 following:

13 (i) Paying the towing and storage charges.

14 (ii) Applying for title to the vehicle.

15 (c) Hold another public sale pursuant to subsection (1).

16 (4) A person who acquires ownership of a vehicle under  
17 subsection (1) or (3), which vehicle has been designated as a  
18 distressed vehicle, shall make application for a salvage  
19 certificate of title within 15 days after obtaining the vehicle.

20 (5) Upon disposition of the vehicle, the police agency shall  
21 cancel the entry into the law enforcement information network.