

1 AN ACT to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code by changing
2 Section 4-214.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
6 changing Section 4-214 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/4-214) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-214)
8 Sec. 4-214. Violations of Section 4-201.

9 (a) Any person who violates Section 4-201 of this Code
10 or who aids and abets in that violation:

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

13 (2) shall be required by the court to make a
14 disposition on the abandoned or unclaimed vehicle and pay
15 all towing, storage, and processing charges and
16 collection costs pursuant to Section 4-203, subsections
17 (a) and (e); ~~and-~~

18 (3) is not eligible to transfer his or her
19 registration to another vehicle, or to newly obtain
20 registration for another vehicle, until the fine and
21 costs payable under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
22 subsection (a) have been paid.

23 (b) When a vehicle is abandoned, it shall be presumed
24 that the last registered owner is responsible for the
25 abandonment and shall be liable for all towing, storage, and
26 processing charges and collection costs, less any amounts
27 realized in the disposal of the vehicle. The last registered
28 owner's liability for storage fees may not exceed a maximum
29 of 30 days' storage fees.

30 The presumption established under this subsection may be
31 rebutted by a showing that, prior to the time of the tow:

1 (1) a report of vehicle theft was filed with
2 respect to the vehicle; or

3 (2) the vehicle was sold or transferred and the
4 last registered owner provides the towing service with
5 the correct identity and address of the new owner at the
6 time of the sale or transfer.

7 If the presumption established under this subsection is
8 rebutted, the person responsible for theft of the vehicle or
9 to whom the vehicle was sold or transferred is liable for all
10 towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs.

11 (c) A person in possession of an abandoned vehicle may
12 notify the last registered owner of the vehicle that:

13 (1) The registered owner may not transfer his or
14 her registration to another vehicle or newly obtain
15 registration for another vehicle until the fine and costs
16 payable under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a)
17 have been paid.

18 (2) The registered owner may sign the vehicle over
19 to the person in possession if the registered owner no
20 longer wishes to retain the vehicle.

21 (Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)