

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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

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

6 (625 ILCS 5/4-214) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-214)  
7 Sec. 4-214. Violations of Section 4-201.

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (1) a report of vehicle theft was filed with

1 respect to the vehicle; or

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

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

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

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

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

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