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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED OR UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 14-150 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (g) The owner or keeper of any garage or other place where such
5 motor vehicle is stored shall have a lien upon the same for such
6 owner's or keeper's towing and storage charges. Unless title has
7 already vested in the municipality pursuant to subsection (d) of this
8 section, if the current market value of such motor vehicle as
9 determined in good faith by such owner or keeper does not exceed one
10 thousand five hundred dollars and such motor vehicle has been stored
11 for a period of not less than fifteen days, such owner or keeper may,
12 unless an application filed by the owner pursuant to subsection (e) of
13 this section is pending and the owner of such motor vehicle has
14 notified such owner or keeper that such application for hearing has
15 been filed, sell the same for storage and towing charges owed thereon,
16 provided a notice of intent to sell shall be sent to the commissioner, the

17 owner and any lienholder of record of such motor vehicle, if known,
18 five days before the sale of such vehicle. If the current market value of
19 such motor vehicle as determined in good faith by such owner or
20 keeper exceeds one thousand five hundred dollars and if such motor
21 vehicle has been so stored for a period of forty-five days, such owner
22 or keeper shall, unless an application filed by the owner pursuant to
23 subsection (e) of this section is pending and the owner of such motor
24 vehicle has notified such owner or keeper that such application for
25 hearing has been filed, sell the same at public auction for cash, at such
26 owner's or keeper's place of business, and apply the avails of such sale
27 toward the payment of such owner's or keeper's charges and the
28 payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the officer who placed
29 the same in storage, provided if the last place of abode of the owner of
30 such motor vehicle is known to or may be ascertained by such garage
31 owner or keeper by the exercise of reasonable diligence, notice of the
32 time and place of sale shall be given to such owner and any lienholder
33 of record by mailing such notice to such owner in a registered or
34 certified letter, postage paid, at such last usual place of abode, at least
35 five days before the time of sale. At any public auction held pursuant
36 to this subsection, such garage owner or keeper may set a minimum
37 bid equal to the amount of such owner's or keeper's charges and
38 obligations with respect to the tow and storage of the motor vehicle. If
39 no such bid is made, such owner or keeper may sell or dispose of such
40 vehicle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	14-150(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the owner or keeper of any garage or other place where an abandoned or unregistered motor vehicle is kept to have a lien upon such motor vehicle for towing charges.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]