

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 169—ASSEMBLYMEN DENIS, MCCLEARY,
MANENDO, SMITH, HARDY, ANDERSON, ATKINSON,
BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, GANSERT, GERHARDT,
GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, HOGAN, HORNE,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MARVEL, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA,
PIERCE, SHERER AND WEBER

MARCH 4, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CARLTON, TITUS,
HARDY, HECK AND LEE

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises certain presumptions relating to abandoned
vehicles. (BDR 43-967)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ***omitted material*** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to abandoned vehicles; revising the circumstances
under which the registered owner of an abandoned vehicle
may rebut the presumption that he abandoned the vehicle;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, any person who abandons a vehicle is responsible for the cost of its removal and disposition. A vehicle is presumed to have been abandoned by the registered owner of the vehicle unless the registered owner proves that he complied with the laws governing the transfer of title to or an interest in the vehicle. (NRS 487.220)

This bill repeals the provisions that require the registered owner to comply with those laws. Instead, this bill authorizes the registered owner to rebut the presumption that he is the person who abandoned the vehicle by showing that he transferred his interest in the vehicle as indicated by a bill of sale for the vehicle that is signed by him.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 487.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 487.220 1. Every person who abandons a vehicle is
3 responsible for the cost of removal and disposition of ~~{such}~~ *the*
4 vehicle.
5 2. An abandoned vehicle is presumed to have been abandoned
6 by the registered owner thereof. The registered owner may ~~{not}~~
7 rebut this presumption by showing that he transferred his interest in
8 the abandoned vehicle ~~{unless he complied with the provisions set~~
9 ~~forth in NRS 482.399 to 482.420, inclusive.}~~ *as indicated by a bill*
10 *of sale for the vehicle that is signed by the registered owner.*

