

SENATE BILL NO. 110—SENATOR GOICOECHEA

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles. (BDR 43-609)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
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 vehicles; authorizing a person to apply for title to an abandoned recreational vehicle in certain circumstances; providing that a person who owns or occupies private property on which a recreational vehicle has been abandoned has a lien on the recreational vehicle; requiring a municipal solid waste landfill to accept a recreational vehicle for disposal under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law provides that certain persons who store, maintain, keep, repair or furnish facilities or services for certain vehicles have a lien on such a vehicle. After providing notice to the owner of a vehicle on which such a lien is held, the vehicle may be sold to satisfy the lien. Any proceeds from such a sale in excess of those necessary to satisfy the lien must be returned to the owner of the vehicle. (NRS 108.270-108.367) **Section 1.4** of this bill provides that a person who owns or occupies private property on which a recreational vehicle is abandoned has a lien on the recreational vehicle. **Sections 1 and 1.2** of this bill set forth a procedure by which a person may obtain title to a recreational vehicle abandoned on private property after attempting to provide notice to the owner.

Existing law sets forth the procedure for disposal of an abandoned vehicle. (NRS 487.205-487.300) **Section 2** of this bill requires a municipal solid waste landfill to accept a recreational vehicle for disposal if: (1) the person disposing of the recreational vehicle pays any applicable fee and provides the title to the recreational vehicle which indicates that he or she is the owner of the vehicle; and (2) accepting the recreational vehicle for disposal does not violate any applicable federal or state law concerning the operation of the municipal solid waste landfill.



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

**Section 1.** Chapter 482 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

**1. A person who holds a lien on an abandoned recreational vehicle pursuant to NRS 108.270 may apply to the Department for title to the abandoned recreational vehicle upon the expiration of:**

**(a) Thirty days after the date on which the owner or occupant of the property where the abandoned recreational vehicle is located mails the registered or certified letter pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 1.2 of this act, if such a letter is required; or**

**(b) Thirty days after the date of publication of the notice required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 1.2 of this act, whichever is later.**

**2. An application for title to an abandoned recreational vehicle must contain:**

**(a) A completed application form prescribed by the Department;**

**(b) Proof that the letter required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 1.2 of this act was mailed at least 30 days before the submission of the application or, if no letter was sent, a detailed explanation of the steps taken to identify an owner of the abandoned recreational vehicle;**

**(c) Proof that notice was printed in a newspaper as required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 1.2 of this act at least 30 days before the submission of the application;**

**(d) A clear and accurate photograph of the abandoned recreational vehicle; and**

**(e) The serial number, vehicle identification number, registration number or any other identifying information relating to the abandoned recreational vehicle.**

**3. The Department may charge and collect a fee for issuing a certificate of title pursuant to this section, which must not exceed the actual cost to the Department of issuing the certificate of title.**

**4. Upon receipt of the materials and information required in subsection 2 and any fees required pursuant to subsection 3, the Department shall enter the application upon the records of its office and issue the certificate of title for the abandoned recreational vehicle.**

**5. A person to whom a certificate of title is issued pursuant to this section is not required to provide consideration for the recreational vehicle to the owner of the recreational vehicle.**



6. *The Department may adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

**Sec. 1.2.** Chapter 108 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *An owner or occupant of private property where an abandoned recreational vehicle is located who claims a lien on the abandoned recreational vehicle shall:*

(a) *If the abandoned recreational vehicle has a serial number, vehicle identification number, registration number or other means of identifying any owner of the abandoned recreational vehicle, obtain the last known address of the owner and provide the owner with notice of the lien by registered or certified letter to the last known address of the owner. The owner or occupant of the property where the abandoned recreational vehicle is located is not required to send a registered or certified letter if an owner cannot be located or if an address for an owner cannot be ascertained.*

(b) *Place a notice of the lien in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the abandoned recreational vehicle is located.*

2. *The notice of the lien must contain:*

(a) *An itemized statement of the claim, showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date when it became due.*

(b) *A description of the abandoned recreational vehicle and the location where the abandoned recreational vehicle was discovered and providing the serial number, vehicle identification number, registration number or any other identifying information relating to the abandoned recreational vehicle.*

(c) *A demand that the amount of the claim as stated in the notice, and of any further claim as may accrue, must be paid on or before a date mentioned.*

(d) *A statement that, if ownership is not claimed and the abandoned recreational vehicle is not removed within 30 days after the publication date of the newspaper, the owner or occupant of the property where the abandoned recreational vehicle is located will advertise the recreational vehicle for sale and sell the recreational vehicle by auction at a specified time and place or apply for title to the recreational vehicle as prescribed in section 1 of this act.*

3. *The owner or occupant of the private property where the abandoned recreational vehicle is located shall determine a day for the purposes of the demand in paragraph (c) of subsection 2. The day mentioned must be:*

(a) *Not less than 30 days after delivery of the letter pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, if any; and*



*(b) Not less than 30 days after publication of the notice pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.*

*4. As used in this section, "private property" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 108.270.*

**Sec. 1.3.** NRS 108.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.270 Subject to the provisions of NRS 108.315:

1. A person engaged in the business of:

(a) Buying or selling automobiles;

(b) Keeping a garage or place for the storage, maintenance, keeping or repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, motor equipment, trailers, mobile homes or manufactured homes, including the operator of a salvage pool; or

(c) Keeping a mobile home park, mobile home lot or other land for rental of spaces for trailers, mobile homes or manufactured homes,

➡ and who in connection therewith stores, maintains, keeps or repairs any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor equipment, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home, or furnishes accessories, facilities, services or supplies therefor, at the request or with the consent of the owner or the owner's representatives, or at the direction of any peace officer or other authorized person who orders the towing or storage of any vehicle through any action permitted by law, has a lien upon the motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor equipment, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home or any part or parts thereof for the sum due for the towing, storing, maintaining, keeping or repairing of the motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor equipment, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home or for labor furnished thereon, or for furnishing accessories, facilities, services or supplies therefor, and for all costs incurred in enforcing such a lien.

2. Subject to the provisions of NRS 108.315, a person engaged in the business of keeping a recreational vehicle park who, at the request or with the consent of the owner of a recreational vehicle or the owner's representative, furnishes facilities or services in the recreational vehicle park for the recreational vehicle, has a lien upon the recreational vehicle for the amount of rent due for furnishing those facilities and services, and for all costs incurred in enforcing such a lien.

3. A person who at the request of the legal owner performed labor on, furnished materials or supplies or provided storage for any aircraft, aircraft equipment or aircraft parts is entitled to a lien for such services, materials or supplies and for the costs incurred in enforcing the lien.

*4. A person who owns or occupies private property on which a recreational vehicle is abandoned has a lien upon the*



*recreational vehicle for the amount of rent due for the use of the private property to store the recreational vehicle and for the costs incurred in enforcing the lien.*

5. Any person who is entitled to a lien as provided in subsections 1 ~~1, 2 and 3~~ to 4, inclusive, may, without process of law, detain the motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor equipment, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home, manufactured home, aircraft, aircraft equipment or aircraft parts at any time it is lawfully in the person's possession until the sum due is paid.

6. *As used in this section, "private property" means any property not owned by a governmental entity or devoted to public use.*

**Sec. 1.4.** NRS 108.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~1~~ and section 1.2 of this act, the notice of a lien must be given by delivery in person or by registered or certified letter addressed to the last known place of business or abode of:

(a) The legal owner and registered owner of the property.

(b) Each person who holds a security interest in the property.

(c) If the lien is on a mobile home or manufactured home, each person who is listed in the records of the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry as holding an ownership or other interest in the home.

➤ If no address is known, the notice must be addressed to that person at the place where the lien claimant has his or her place of business.

2. Any person who claims a lien on aircraft, aircraft equipment or parts shall:

(a) Within 120 days after the person furnishes supplies or services; or

(b) Within 7 days after the person receives an order to release the property,

➤ whichever time is less, serve the legal owner by mailing a copy of the notice of the lien to the owner's last known address, or if no address is known, by leaving a copy with the clerk of the court in the county where the notice is filed.

3. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 1.2 of this act, the* notice must contain:

(a) An itemized statement of the claim, showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date when it became due.

(b) A brief description of the motor vehicle, airplane, motorcycle, motor or airplane equipment, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home against which the lien exists.



(c) A demand that the amount of the claim as stated in the notice, and of any further claim as may accrue, must be paid on or before a day mentioned.

(d) A statement that unless the claim is paid within the time specified the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home will be advertised for sale, and sold by auction at a specified time and place.

4. The lienholder shall determine a day for the purposes of the demand in paragraph (c) of subsection 3. The day mentioned must be:

(a) Not less than 10 days after the delivery of the notice if it is personally delivered; or

(b) Not less than 10 days after the time when the notice should reach its destination, according to the due course of post, if the notice is sent by mail.

**Sec. 1.5.** NRS 108.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.290 1. If property that is the subject of a lien which is acquired as provided in NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, **and section 1.2 of this act** is the subject of a secured transaction in accordance with the laws of this State, the lien:

(a) In the case of a lien acquired pursuant to NRS 108.315, is a first lien.

(b) In the case of a lien on a motor vehicle for charges for towing, storing and any related administrative fees:

(1) For the first 30 days of the lien:

(I) If the amount of the lien does not exceed \$1,000, is a first lien.

(II) If the amount of the lien exceeds \$1,000, is a second lien.

(2) After the first 30 days of the lien:

(I) If the amount of the lien does not exceed \$2,500, is a first lien.

(II) If the amount of the lien exceeds \$2,500, is a second lien.

(c) In all other cases, if the amount of the lien:

(1) Does not exceed \$1,000, is a first lien.

(2) Exceeds \$1,000, is a second lien.

2. The lien of a landlord may not exceed \$2,500 or the total amount due and unpaid for rentals and utilities, whichever is less.

**Sec. 1.6.** NRS 108.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.310 Subject to the provisions of NRS 108.315, **and section 1.2 of this act**, the lien created in NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, may be satisfied as follows:



1        1. The lien claimant shall give written notice to the person on  
2 whose account the storing, maintaining, keeping, repairing, labor,  
3 fuel, supplies, facilities, services or accessories were made, done or  
4 given, and to any other person known to have or to claim an interest  
5 in the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft  
6 equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home  
7 or manufactured home, upon which the lien is asserted, and to the:

8        (a) Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of  
9 Business and Industry with regard to mobile homes, manufactured  
10 homes and commercial coaches as defined in chapter 489 of NRS;  
11 or

12        (b) Department of Motor Vehicles with regard to all other items  
13 included in this section.

14        2. In accordance with the terms of a notice so given, a sale by  
15 auction may be held to satisfy any valid claim which has become a  
16 lien on the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft  
17 equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home  
18 or manufactured home. The sale must be held in the place where the  
19 lien was acquired or, if that place is manifestly unsuitable for the  
20 purpose, at the nearest suitable place.

21        3. After the time for the payment of the claim specified in the  
22 notice has elapsed, an advertisement of the sale, describing the  
23 motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment,  
24 aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or  
25 manufactured home to be sold, and stating the name of the owner or  
26 person on whose account it is held, and the time and place of the  
27 sale, must be published once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a  
28 newspaper published in the place where the sale is to be held, but if  
29 no newspaper is published in that place, then in a newspaper  
30 published in this State that has a general circulation in that place.  
31 The sale must not be held less than 22 days after the time of the first  
32 publication.

33        4. From the proceeds of the sale the lien claimant who  
34 furnished the services, labor, fuel, accessories, facilities or supplies  
35 shall satisfy the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice,  
36 advertisement and sale. The balance, if any, of the proceeds must be  
37 delivered, on demand, to the person to whom the lien claimant  
38 would have been bound to deliver, or justified in delivering, the  
39 motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment,  
40 aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or  
41 manufactured home.

42        **Sec. 1.7.** NRS 108.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43        108.320 At any time before the motor vehicle, aircraft,  
44 motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer,  
45 recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home is so sold



**H or before a certificate of title to an abandoned recreational vehicle is issued pursuant to section 1 of this act**, any person claiming a right of property or possession therein may pay the lien claimant the amount necessary to satisfy the lien claimant's lien and to pay the reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred in serving notices and advertising and preparing for the sale up to the time of such payment. The lien claimant shall deliver the motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home to the person making the payment if the person is entitled to the possession of the property on payment of the charges thereon.

**Sec. 1.8.** NRS 108.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.330 The remedy for enforcing the lien provided in NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, **and section 1.2 of this act** does not preclude any other remedies allowed by law for the enforcement of a lien against personal property nor bar the right to recover so much of the lienholder's claim as is not paid by the proceeds of the sale of the property.

**Sec. 1.9.** NRS 108.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

108.350 Nothing contained in NRS 108.270 to 108.367, inclusive, **and section 1.2 of this act** precludes:

1. The owner of any motor vehicle, aircraft, motorcycle, motor or aircraft equipment, aircraft parts, trailer, recreational vehicle, mobile home or manufactured home; or

2. Any other person having an interest or equity in the property,

↳ from contesting the validity of the lien. All legal rights and remedies otherwise available to the person are reserved to and retained, except that, after a sale has been made to an innocent third party, the lien claimant is solely responsible for loss or damage occasioned the owner, or any other person having an interest or equity in the property, by reason of the invalidity of the lien, or by reason of failure of the lien claimant to proceed in the manner provided in those sections.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 444 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

**A municipal solid waste landfill shall accept a recreational vehicle for disposal if:**

1. **The person disposing of the recreational vehicle pays any applicable fee and provides the title to the recreational vehicle, indicating that he or she is the owner.**

2. **Accepting the recreational vehicle for disposal does not violate any applicable federal or state law or regulation relating to the operation of the municipal solid waste landfill.**



1     **Sec. 3.** NRS 444.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     444.450 As used in NRS 444.440 to 444.620, inclusive, *and*  
3     *section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
4     words and terms defined in NRS 444.460 to 444.501, inclusive,  
5     have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6     **Sec. 4.** NRS 444.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7     444.580 *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act:*

8     1. Any district board of health created pursuant to NRS  
9     439.362 or 439.370 and any governing body of a municipality may  
10    adopt standards and regulations for the location, design,  
11    construction, operation and maintenance of solid waste disposal  
12    sites and solid waste management systems or any part thereof more  
13    restrictive than those adopted by the State Environmental  
14    Commission, and any district board of health may issue permits  
15    thereunder.

16    2. Any district board of health created pursuant to NRS  
17    439.362 or 439.370 may adopt such other regulations as are  
18    necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 444.440 to 444.620,  
19    inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 2 of this act*. Such regulations must not  
20    conflict with regulations adopted by the State Environmental  
21    Commission.

22    **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

