

HB 569 -- Vehicles Abandoned at Automobile Repair Businesses

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill establishes a procedure for automobile repair businesses to sell vehicles that have been abandoned by the owner at the repair shop.

A vehicle left on the premises of an auto repair business will be considered abandoned if it is not claimed by the owner within 90 days or the debt is not paid within 90 days from the completion of the repair work. Ten days after a vehicle is deemed abandoned, repair shops must notify the owner and lienholders of record, by certified mail with return receipt requested, that the vehicle must be claimed within 30 days or it will be dismantled, destroyed, or sold.

The bill specifies the requirements for providing proper notice, selling a vehicle by an auto repair business, applying proceeds of a vehicle sale against charges, disposing of excess proceeds from the vehicle sale, titling of a new owner, and promulgating rules by the Department of Revenue.