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Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: Abandoned vehicles-2.

Subject: Amends provisions governing identification and disposal of abandoned vehicles

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current Wyoming law, vehicles abandoned on public or private property may be disposed of by several methods including by public auction, court action or through a contract with a vehicle storage and disposal facility, depending on the circumstances of the abandonment.
- This act amends provisions governing existing procedures for the identification and disposal of abandoned vehicles as follows:
 - Creates a new junk vehicle certificate of title for which towing and recovery carriers are eligible to apply that may be used to dispose of an abandoned vehicle defined as “junk”;
 - Requires towing and recovery carriers that tow an abandoned vehicle to notify the county sheriff, request a title search report and send notice to owners and lienholders, if identified;
 - Increases the “low value” abandoned vehicle threshold from \$600 to \$2,000 for which mailed notice to owners is not required for vehicles impounded by police officers. Title to such “low value” abandoned vehicles vests in the county in which the vehicle is impounded and may be disposed of as specified by statute; and
 - Increases permissible expenses that may be charged for removal, towing, storage and selling of abandoned vehicles.

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