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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0039
Chapter No.: 105
Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Abandoned vehicles-towing service liens and titles.**
Subject: Amending procedures for abandoned vehicle liens and junk vehicle titles.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act addresses uncertainty in the towing and recovery service industry and with county clerks as to which lien statutes to employ and how to obtain a title for vehicles abandoned at a towing and recovery service.
- Specifically, the act specifies that a towing and recovery service is not a warehouse under the Uniform Commercial Code and shall claim a lien under Wyoming Statutes, title 29, chapter 7, article 1. The act proceeds to outline the procedures for a vehicle subject to a lien in a newly created W.S. 29-7-102(e).
- The act also outlines additional procedures to clarify how a towing and recovery service obtains a junk certificate of title for a vehicle abandoned at its business and how the company can sell that vehicle at public auction. The act clarifies that, when the value of a junk vehicle is determined, the value should be the fair market value.
- The act raises the limit of expenses that may be paid to a private property owner for removal, towing, storage and sale of an abandoned vehicle from seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

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