



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 867

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

There are instances when communities have junked or abandoned vehicles and these become public nuisances and/or health hazards. The village or town board must follow a process currently laid out in law of finding the vehicle to be a public nuisance or hazard, give notice to the owner of the finding, and allow the owner the ability to request a hearing to contest the finding. Once the vehicle is declared abandoned or junked, the community hires a towing company to remove the vehicle.

The vehicle remains at the towing company's lot until the owner pays the storage fee and reclaims the property. Often times the value of the vehicle is not worth the cost of the impound fee and the owner does not claim the vehicle. The community is left to pay the storage fees.

LB 867 amends Section 60-1901 to include a motor vehicle which is removed from private property by a municipality pursuant to ordinance of that municipality. This allows the municipality to gain access to the title and dispose of the vehicle.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Greg Adams