

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Explanation: Matter in *bold italics* is new material; matter in ~~red~~ is material proposing to be omitted.

Purpose: To adopt regulations under Chapter 487 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), in accordance with provisions passed in Assembly Bill 415 of the 2025 Legislative Session, relating to the towing, removal and documentation process for non-repairable or salvage motor vehicles determined to be abandoned on either public or private property, and other matters properly relating thereto.

Authority: Assembly Bill 415 of the 2025 Legislative Session, Sec. 4, subsection (1).

Section 1. Chapter 487 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new language, sections 2-3 inclusive.

Section 2. *Streamlined Procedure for Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles as Parts or Scrap Metal*

1. If the vehicle is determined by the tow operator or wrecker to be non-identifiable because of no vehicle identification number, the Department staff shall have the authority to go on-site to the yard where the vehicle is stored to do an examination of the vehicle to make a final determination on identity. Based upon:

(a). The report issued by wrecker or tow operator, on a form prescribed by the Department and attested to by the wrecker or tow operator that the vehicle has been designated for processing as parts or scrap metal,

(b). The Department will then have the authority to issue a vehicle identification number or an authorization letter to destroy, to the tow operator or wrecker that obtained the vehicle.

2. If the vehicle owner does not come to claim the vehicle or start their district court remedy process within 7 calendar days from when the vehicle is tagged, the non-repairable certificate issuance process will continue, and the certificate issued to the wrecker in accordance with the applicable provisions contained in NRS 487.105.

Section 3.

1. *“Readily ascertainable” defined. “Readily ascertainable” means that a law enforcement officer, tow operator, wrecker or member of the Department may use elementary means to determine the ownership and registration status of a vehicle, such as:*
 - (a) License plate attached to vehicle;*
 - (b) Registration document is in the vehicle, or;*
 - (c) Any other personal documentation or items are present in the vehicle that will allow a search to determine ownership or last usage of the vehicle before its abandonment.*