

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 481.051, 487.230, 487.235 and 487.260.

A REGULATION relating to motor vehicles; defining the term “readily ascertainable” for certain provisions of law relating to abandoned vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that certain persons and law enforcement agencies are authorized to have an abandoned vehicle removed from public or private property. Existing law further provides that such persons and law enforcement agencies may affix a notice to the vehicle if: (1) the abandoned vehicle appears likely to be appraised as a junk vehicle; (2) the abandoned vehicle is not registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and it is not readily ascertainable whether the vehicle is registered in any other state; and (3) the identity of the owner of the abandoned vehicle is not known or readily ascertainable. The notice must include a statement that: (1) the abandoned vehicle, if not removed from the property within 7 days, is subject to being junked, dismantled or otherwise disposed of without further notice; and (2) the owner may, under certain circumstances, request an expedited hearing to contest the classification of the vehicle as an abandoned junk vehicle. (NRS 487.230, 487.235) Existing law further provides that if such notice is affixed to the abandoned vehicle, the vehicle is not registered with the Department, it is not readily ascertainable whether the vehicle is registered in another state and the vehicle is appraised as a junk vehicle, the automobile wrecker or tow operator who removed the vehicle: (1) is required to provide certain notice to the person or law enforcement agency who authorized the removal of the vehicle; and (2) is not required to obtain the identity of or attempt to notify the owner. (NRS 487.260)

This regulation defines the term “readily ascertainable” for the purposes of these provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Section 1. Chapter 487 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

As used in NRS 487.230, 487.235 and 487.260, “readily ascertainable” means that the ownership or registration of an abandoned vehicle may be determined from, without limitation:

- 1. A license plate attached to the abandoned vehicle;*
- 2. The registration in the abandoned vehicle; or*
- 3. Any other personal documents or items in the abandoned vehicle.*