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1 AN ACT Relating to abandoned, unauthorized, or junk vehicles;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.55 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.55 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The abandonment of any vehicle or automobile hulk creates a  
7 prima facie presumption that the last registered owner of record is  
8 responsible for the abandonment and is liable for costs incurred in  
9 removing, storing, and disposing of the abandoned vehicle, less amounts  
10 realized at auction.

11 (2) If an unauthorized vehicle or a junk vehicle is found abandoned  
12 under subsection (1) of this section, the last registered owner of  
13 record is guilty of a traffic infraction under chapter 46.63 RCW,  
14 unless the vehicle is redeemed after impound as provided in RCW  
15 46.55.120. In addition to the monetary penalty payable under that  
16 chapter, the person found to have committed the infraction is also  
17 liable for a deficiency remaining after disposal of the vehicle under  
18 RCW 46.55.140.

1       (3) Filing a report of sale or transfer regarding the vehicle  
2 involved in accordance with RCW 46.12.101(1) relieves the last  
3 registered owner of liability under subsections (1) and (2) of this  
4 section.

5       (4) For the purposes of RCW 46.63.070(5)(b), a traffic infraction  
6 under subsection (2) of this section is a moving violation and is not  
7 considered to be a standing, stopping, or parking violation.

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