



SALVOR MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

This manual is designed to assist you when applying to be a licensed salvor and assist in the execution of salvor applications. It provides you with the information needed to successfully establish your business of towing abandoned vehicles in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Enclosed are the instructions for completing the forms involved in the processing of abandoned vehicles. You must be licensed as a Vehicle Salvage Dealer or Repair Towing Service prior to obtaining a certificate of authorization for processing abandoned vehicles. All application procedures are contained in this manual.

If you have any questions or need help in completing any of these forms, please call the Abandoned Vehicle Unit at (717) 787-6048 for assistance.

NOTE: Repair Towing Services can only be licensed as a salvor if there is no qualified vehicle salvage dealer in a county.

SALVOR APPLICATION PROCESS

VEHICLE SALVAGE DEALER / SALVOR INFORMATION

To register as a Vehicle Salvage Dealer or Repair Towing Service, forms MV-359, MV-375, MV-951, SP4-164 and Salvor Dealer Certification (if necessary, as regulated under the guidelines of the Outdoor Advertising Control Act of 1971), must be completed and returned to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Instructions for completing these forms begin on the pages that follow this general information.

The following definitions are applicable to registering as a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Dealer and/or Salvor.

Bureau -The Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Transportation.

Department -The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Police department -The State Police or the law enforcement agency of a county, city or incorporated town, borough or township.

Abandoned Vehicle - a vehicle (other than a pedalcycle) shall be presumed to be abandoned under any of the following circumstances, but the presumption is rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:

- (i) The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
- (ii) The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
- (iii) The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all of the following:
 - a) A valid registration plate.
 - b) A current certificate of inspection.
 - c) An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
- (iv) The vehicle has remained on private property without consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 24 hours.

Vehicles and equipment used or to be used in construction or in the operation or maintenance of highways or public utility facilities, which are left in a manner that does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic, shall not be considered to be abandoned.

Nonrepairable Vehicle - An Abandoned Vehicle under paragraph (1) (iii) of the definitions of "abandoned vehicle," which is incapable of safe operation for use on roadways or highways and has no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap only, a salvage vehicle issued a nonrepairable or nonrebuildable vehicle document by another state or a vehicle a salvor or vehicle salvage dealer designates as a source for parts or scrap or the owner irreversibly designates as a source for parts or scrap. Such vehicles may not be issued a certificate of title or certificate of salvage.

Salvage Vehicle - A vehicle, which is inoperable or unable to meet the vehicle equipment and inspection standards to the extent that the cost of repairs would exceed the value of the repaired vehicle. The term does not include a vehicle that would qualify as an antique or classic vehicle except for its lack of restoration or maintenance.

Vehicle Identification Number or VIN - A combination of numerals or letters or both that the manufacturer assigns to a vehicle for identification purposes or in the absence of a manufacturer-assigned number, which the department assigns to a vehicle for identification purposes.

Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business, Vehicle Salvage Dealer - Any person(s) who maintains an established place of business and is engaged in the business of acquiring and dismantling used, wrecked, damaged, formerly abandoned or salvaged vehicles for the purpose of selling the usable parts and selling the remaining vehicle materials for the purpose of recycling.

Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business, Repair Towing Service - Any person(s) who maintains an established place of business and who is engaged in the conduct of the repair business to retrieve, tow or deliver other vehicles or parts or repairing vehicles.

Established Place of Business - The place actually occupied either continuously or at regular periods by a dealer, manufacturer or other vehicle-related business where the books and records are kept and a large share of business transactions occur.

Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Plate - A MMVB registration plate is issued to a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business and may be displayed on vehicles owned or in the possession of the business in lieu of registering each vehicle individually.

Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business plates may only be used when the vehicle is used for one of the following purposes:

1. In the conduct of the Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business. If the owner of the Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business is engaged in another business, the miscellaneous motor vehicle business plate(s) may not be used on vehicles in the other business, nor used on vehicles used in both businesses.
2. For the personal pleasure or use of the owner of the miscellaneous motor vehicle business or members of the owners immediate family or when the business is a corporation, for the pleasure or use of not more than three officers or members of their families, or for the personal use of the regular employees. A spouse or child of the registrant or a parent, brother or sister of the registrant, who lives in the same residence as the registrant, is defined as immediate family.

All vehicles specified in the above sub paragraphs must be titled in the name of the business or family member, and sales tax must be paid.

In addition to issuing Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business registration plates, the Department will issue registration cards. Every registrant will be furnished with two types of registration cards:

1. A separate, original card for each registration plate, containing the name and address of the registrant, the dealer identification number assigned, the expiration date of the registration and the number of the plate.
2. A summary card in the form of a computer printout, containing the name and address of the registrant, dealer identification number assigned, the registration plate number for each plate assigned and the expiration date of the registration. The registrant may make photocopies of this type of card, which shall have the same capability as the original card and may be exhibited, when required, in lieu of the original card.

Upon receipt of the registration cards and summary sheet, the registrant shall sign their name in ink in the space provided. One of the two types of registration cards for the registration plate being used on a vehicle shall be in the possession of the person driving or in control of the vehicle or carried in the vehicle and shall be exhibited upon demand of any police officer.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISCELLANEOUS MOTOR VEHICLE BUSINESS REGISTRANTS

1. **Change of Ownership** - the registrant shall notify the Department using Form MV-359 (Application for Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Registration Plates) within five days of any change of ownership. The following are regarded as changes of ownership:
 - a. Whenever the owner takes a new partner
 - b. Whenever the owner sells the business
 - c. Incorporation of a business or
 - d. Sales of controlling interest in a corporation
2. **Change of Address** - the registrant shall notify the Department before changing its place of business and shall notify immediately of any change in mailing address.
3. **Lost or Stolen Plates** - the registrant shall notify the Department and the police within two days of discovering the loss or theft of any registration plate.
4. The registrant shall return the registration plates immediately to the Department when the registration has been revoked or suspended.
5. The registration plates shall be returned to the Department within five days when there is a change in the nature of the business so that the registrant is no longer qualified to be licensed as a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business or the discontinuation of the business.
6. The Department may, in its discretion, require certified checks, postal or money orders or cash from any registrant after a default in the payment of checks or drafts of the registrant.
7. Sanctions for violations of Title 67 Chapter 53 and 253 are listed in the Appendix.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM MV-359

APPLICATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS MOTOR VEHICLE BUSINESS REGISTRATION PLATES

- * All information must be typed in full. List name of business exactly as registration is to be issued. Address must have physical street address. Post Office Box may be used in addition to street address. Include business and home telephone numbers. The license issued will be valid only at the address listed on the application.
- * List all owners, partners or corporate officers, and do not forget to include their titles, along with their social security numbers. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.
- * List other businesses at same location.
- * Answer each question and provide all information requested.
- * Sign, date and have Section J notarized.

The following must accompany the MV-359:

1. Appropriate fee for number of Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business plates requested.
2. A copy of the lease or deed for the established place of business.
3. Include photographs of the interior and exterior of the business, which clearly shows the business's office work area and business identification signs.
4. An original completed criminal history record (SP4-164) obtained from the State Police (not a copy), for each owner, partner or corporate officer. If business is incorporated and the headquarters are out of state, an original, completed criminal history will be required for the individual who is responsible for the operation of the business located within the Commonwealth.
5. When the Department is to issue a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business registration plate, one of the following items must accompany this application to serve as acceptable proof of insurance:
 - a. An insurance identification card.
 - b. The declaration page of an insurance policy or a copy thereof.
 - c. A copy of a valid binder of insurance which contains all the information required to appear on the ID card, excluding the policy number and is signed by a licensed insurance agent or broker.
 - d. A copy of an application for insurance to the Pennsylvania Automobile Insurance Plan (PAIP), which contains all the information required to appear on the ID card, excluding the policy number and is signed by a licensed insurance agent or broker.

F BUSINESS DESCRIPTION - Indicate the nature of your business that qualifies your business for the type of registration for which you are making application.

G INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Company Name _____
Policy Number _____
Effective Date _____ Expiration Date _____

H ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. If this application is a change of ownership, explain and list former name of business.

Please list DIN Number: _____

2A. Has this business or the owners, partners or officers thereof ever been registered as a dealer, miscellaneous motor vehicle business or issuing agent in this or any other state? YES NO If yes, list name(s), location(s), and identification number(s).

2B. Have any owners, partners or corporate officers of this business ever been affiliated with a dealership, miscellaneous motor vehicle business, messenger service or full agent whose registration was suspended, cancelled or revoked or is currently under investigation or notice to attend a Departmental or court hearing or is awaiting a decision by a hearing officer of a Court?

YES NO If yes, explain: _____

3. Does any owners, partner, corporate officer or any business with which they were previously affiliated, have any outstanding liabilities which are due and owing to the Commonwealth including but not limited to taxes, fees, monetary penalties or outstanding plates or paperwork?

YES NO If yes, explain: _____

4. Have any owners, partners or corporate officers of this business ever been convicted or administratively sanctioned for violations of Department regulations or Chapters 11, 13 or 23 of the Vehicle Code or Title 18 of the Crimes Code? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

5. Have any owners, partners or corporate officers of this business ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

6. Have any owners, partners or corporate officers of this business ever remitted uncollectible checks payable to any agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

7. Have any owners, partners or corporate officers filed bankruptcy within the past 7 years? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

8. Will this business be purchasing or selling any type of vehicles? YES NO If yes, describe type of vehicles.

I MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- 1. Does your business location meet all local zoning and land use ordinances and building codes? YES NO
- 2. Does your business meet ADA accessibility requirements? YES NO. **NOTE: A checklist to help you determine if you meet the guidelines is included in this package.**
- 3. Have all owners, partners and officers read and understood Chapter 53 of Title 67 (Manufacturer, Dealer and Motor Vehicle Business Registration Plates) and Chapters 11, 13 and 23 of the Vehicle Code? YES NO

J NOTARIZATION

(I/We) certify under penalty of law that the information contained herein is true and correct.

_____	_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Title	Date
_____	_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Title	Date
_____	_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Title	Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME:			
_____	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH			
S E A L	SIGN IN PRESENCE OF NOTARY		

WARNING: Misstatement of fact is a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year [18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904(b)] in addition to any sanction imposed by this Department.

NOTE: When business is discontinued, miscellaneous motor vehicle business registration plates and cards must be returned to the Department within 5 days. If business is moved to another location, the Department must be notified within 10 days of the change. A completed form MV-359 and photographs of the new location must accompany this notification.

Applications for Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Registration Plates

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING MV-359

1. All information must be typed in full. List name of business exactly as Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business registration is to be issued. Address must have physical street address. Post Office Box may be used in addition to street address. Include business phone and home phone numbers. The license issued will be valid only at the business address listed on this application.
2. Check appropriate box for type of business and if location is owned or leased.
3. List all owners, partners or corporate officers. The official titles are required. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.
4. List other businesses at same location.
5. Answer each question and provide all information requested.
6. Section J must be signed and notarized in the presence of a notary public.

DOCUMENTS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

1. Include photographs of the interior and exterior of the business which clearly shows the business office work areas, and business identification signs.
2. Applicants for Financier or Collector-Repossessor must include the appropriate license from the Pennsylvania Department of Banking.
3. Application for Transporter registration must include copies of all active contracts with registered dealers or manufacturers to regularly transport new or used vehicles on their own wheels, which are owned by or in the possession of said dealers or manufacturers.
4. Applicants for Vehicle Salvage Dealer registration who also desire to be authorized as a salvor under Chapter 73 of the Vehicle Code must also complete a Salvor Application (Form MV-951).
5. An original criminal history record (SP4-164) obtained from the State Police (not a copy), for each owner, partner or corporate officer.
6. When the Department is to issue a miscellaneous motor vehicle business registration plate, one of the following items must be used to serve as acceptable proof of insurance:
 1. An insurance identification card;
 2. The declaration page of an insurance policy or a copy thereof;
 3. A copy of a valid binder of insurance which contains all of the information required to appear on the I.D. card, excluding the policy number, and is signed by a licensed insurance agent or broker, or,
 4. A copy of application for insurance to the Pennsylvania Automobile Insurance Plan (PAIP) which contains all of the information required to appear on the I.D. card, excluding the policy number, and is signed by a licensed insurance agent or broker.

A copy of one of the items listed above must be attached to the application.

7. Appropriate fee for number of dealer plates requested.
8. Copy of deed/lease or rental agreement.

NOTE: The contract must include the name and address of the business who will be transporting their vehicles. This contract should be written on letterhead paper from the dealer/manufacturee whom you are contracting with. The contract must state that a fee will be paid for transporting their vehicles. This contract should be signed by the person(s) representing both the transporter and the dealer/manufacturee.

Mail all completed forms to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 68283, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8283.

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM MV-951

The MV-951 is the application for Certificate of Authorization as a Salvor. This must be completed in addition to Form MV-359.

In order to qualify as a salvor, you must:

1. Maintain adequate facilities for the storage of abandoned vehicles. Adequate storage is defined to be a storage facility at a location with a minimum of 5,000 square feet, which shall be reserved solely for storage of abandoned motor vehicles.
2. Own or lease a one-ton or more wrecker truck, specifically designed or adapted for use as a wrecker.
3. Provide a surety bond in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the sum of \$10,000.
4. Furnish photographs of:
 - a. The building where the office is maintained.
 - b. The storage area and
 - c. The wrecker and/or towing equipment.
5. Comply with the requirements of Act No. 4 of the Special Session No. 3, July 28, 1996 (Licensing and Screening of Junkyards), in the event the salvor's place of business is within 1,000 feet of an Interstate or Primary Highway.
 - a. The area must be screened so as not to be visible from the main traveled way of the highway. No junk or any other motor vehicle incapable of meeting state inspection requirements shall be placed between the highway and the screening.
 - b. Screening shall include the use of any natural objects, plantings, embankments, fencing, walls or structures, or a combination of any of these, which will effectively hide any deposit of junk so as not to be visible from the highway, at all times of the year, by an occupant of a motor vehicle viewing from a height of 4 ½ feet above the pavement.

Once an application is received by the Department to become a salvor, the Department may investigate the applicant to ensure they are qualified to perform the duties of a salvor in the best interest of the public. The Department may also investigate to ensure the location of the business meets the definition of an established place of business as defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Title 75 extra space.

The Department will either issue or deny a certificate of authorization depending on the facts. If your application is denied, you may request an administrative hearing to show just cause why the denial of you application should not occur. If the Department does not rule in the favor of the salvor, the salvor then has the opportunity to appeal the Department's decision to the Court of Common Pleas in their area. [Refer to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Title 75, Chpt. 73, Section 7303.(b)].

Under the provisions of Title 75 Chapter 73, all salvors will be subject to a yearly renewal ending December 31st of every year. Salvors will be required to have a bond certification completed on the renewal.

MV-951 (5-06)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Department of Transportation
 Bureau of Motor Vehicles
 P.O. Box 68584
 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9584



**APPLICATION FOR
 CERTIFICATE OF
 AUTHORIZATION AS A SALVOR**

For Department Use Only

Application for authorization as a salvor may be made in conjunction with application for registration as a Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business (MMVB) in the vehicle salvage class or repair or towing business. If you currently hold this classification please indicate name and identification number of business.

Name

I.D. Number

A NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS (Exactly as registration is to be issued)					
Name				Federal I.D. #	
Street Address (Principal Place of Business)					
City or Town		County		State	Zip Code
Business Phone #			Home Phone # of President or Controlling Partner		
B TYPE OF BUSINESS (Check One)			THIS LOCATION IS (CHECK ONE)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation			<input type="checkbox"/> Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Leased		
C LIST ALL OWNER(S), PARTNERS OR CORPORATE OFFICERS OF BUSINESS					
1.	NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE #		TITLE	
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
2.	NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE #		TITLE	
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
3.	NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE #		TITLE	
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
4.	NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE #		TITLE	
	STREET ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
D BUSINESS DESCRIPTION - Indicate the nature of your business that qualifies your business for the type of registration for which you are making application.					
E ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
1. Have all owners, partners and officers read and understood Chapter 253 (Salvors)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 2. Do you own or rent adequate storage facilities (minimum 5,000 square feet) for storing abandoned vehicles? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 3. Does this storage facility meet all local land use and zoning requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 4. Do you own or rent suitable equipment for towing abandoned vehicles? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO List: _____					

F NOTARIZATION

I (We) certify under penalty of law that the information contained herein is true and correct.

Authorized Signature	Title	Date
Authorized Signature	Title	Date
Authorized Signature	Title	Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME:		MONTH	DAY	YEAR
SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH				
S E A L	SIGN IN PRESENCE OF NOTARY			

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NOTE: When business is discontinued, your salvor registration must be returned to the Department within 5 days. If the business is moved to another location, the Department must be notified within 10 days of the change.

Application for Certificate of Authorization as a Salvor

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING MV-951

1. All information must be typed or printed in full. List name of business exactly as Salvor Authorization is to be issued. Address must have physical street address. Post Office Box may be used in addition to street address. Include business phone and home phone numbers. The license issuing will be valid only at the business listed on this application.
2. Check appropriate box for type of business and if location is owned or leased and attach copy of the deed or lease.
3. List all owners, partners or corporate officers and do not forget to include their titles. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.
4. Answer each question and provide all information requested.
5. Sign, date and have notarized in Section F.

NOTE: If no licensed salvor exists in the county, a repair or towing company may be eligible for certificate of authorization as a salvor. However, if a salvage dealer becomes licensed in the county, the repair or towing service certificate of authorization will be cancelled.

DOCUMENTS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

1. The Bond prescribed by Title 75, Section 7303, on the form of the Department (MV-375).
2. At least three photographs which clearly show the possession of towing equipment and the 5,000 square feet of required space for the storage of abandoned vehicles.

Mail all completed forms to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 68594, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8594.

NOTES

MV-375

Manufacturer/Dealer/Full Agent/Messenger Service/Salvor Bond

An individual and/or company that is applying for a Certificate of Authorization as a Salvor must file and maintain with the Department, a bond in the amount of \$10,000 for each place of business, executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The bond amount of \$10,000 posted on behalf of the salvor shall indemnify the public and the Department against any damages incurred as a result of negligence or intentional conduct by the principal and employees thereof.

Form MV-375 must be typed or printed in full. If bond is executed by Power of Attorney, original Power of Attorney must be attached.

Department of Transportation
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Dealer Registration Section
P.O. Box 68283
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8283

MANUFACTURER/DEALER/FULL AGENT/CARD AGENT/MESSENGER SERVICE/SALVOR BOND

(Name of Principal)

doing business as _____
(Business Name)

located at _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (County)

(NOTE: If there are any branch offices, check here _____ and list them at the bottom of the last page, or attach a list). as Principal,

and _____
(Name of Surety Company)

located at _____
(Street) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) (County) (Telephone)

a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of _____, authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a Pennsylvania main office located at

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

as Surety, are held bound unto the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth), and to any person who shall enter into any transaction with the Principal in the Principal's official capacity as authorized by the Commonwealth, as obligees in the full and just sum of \$_____ to be paid to the Commonwealth or its assigns, to which payment we do hereby bind ourselves jointly and severally, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Signed and sealed on _____.

Whereas the Principal is applying for designation as one or more of the following and is required to file this bond as provided in the corresponding department laws/regulations:

Yes No

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Manufacturer/Dealer | 75 Pa. C.S. 1335 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Full/Issuing Agent | 75 Pa. C.S. 7503.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Card Agent | 75 Pa. C.S. 7503.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Messenger Service | 75 Pa. C.S. 7503.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Salvor | 75 Pa. C.S. 7302 |

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation is that if the Principal, during the term of this bond or any renewal, in conduct of the business of manufacturer, dealer, full agent, card agent, messenger service, and/or salvor shall comply with the provisions of the law and regulations governing the conduct of such business and shall not cause any monetary loss to the Commonwealth in connection with the business limited to fees, sales tax and monetary penalties, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

This bond shall cover all transactions entered into pursuant to the authorization granted to the Principal by the Commonwealth in the course of the authorized business of the Principal. However, any claims presented after the amount of the bond limit has been exhausted may be denied for lack of adequate coverage under the bond.

The Commonwealth may assign its interest in this bond to any person who shall make a claim against the bond. In such a case, the Commonwealth may release the surety company from liability to the Commonwealth.

This bond shall be considered as being continuous in nature, except that, in the event that this bond is cancelled, or not renewed for any reason, the surety shall notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, Manager of the Regulated Client Services Section, Riverfront Office Center, 1st Floor, 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104-2516, and the principal, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date that such action is to be taken. No cancellation shall take effect until a period of at least sixty (60) days has elapsed from the date of the notice given to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

If the Principal and/or Surety shall fail to keep any promise under this Bond, the Principal and Surety authorize and empower any attorney of any court of record within the United States, or elsewhere to appear for the Department and confess judgment against the Principal and/or Surety in favor of the Department. The Principal and Surety further authorize the Department to permit any other person to so confess judgment if the Department believes such person has been adversely affected by failure to keep any promise under this Bond, as often as necessary, as of any term, with or without declaration filed, without stay of execution and without presentment, for such sum or sums as may be payable, together with costs of suit and attorney fees, and with release of all errors. Principal and Surety waive inquisition on any real estate and exemption of any property whatsoever, and authorize condemnation of same and immediate issuance of a Writ of Execution, or exemption, and release and waive relief from any and all appraisement, stay of execution, or exemption laws of any state or nation, now in force or hereinafter to be passed, to the extent such statutes may be waived.

NOTE: Pennsylvania Statutes (71 P.S. Section 240.19A and 75 Pa C.S. Section 1957) authorize the Department to collect an uncollectible check penalty fee of \$20.00 for each check returned to the Department, and a fee of \$10.00 for each driver's license, registration, replacement of tags, transfer of registration, certificate of title, whether original or duplicate, and each other unit of issue by the Department plus all protest fees to cover the cost of collection. This penalty is reflected on your billing.

Payment Procedure

In the event that a claim is made on this bond the following procedure shall be employed.

1. The surety company shall hold claims in abeyance for a period of ninety (90) days commencing either on the date such claim is filed by the Commonwealth or the date on which the surety notifies the Commonwealth of a claim filed by any person. Such notification shall be made to the Manager of the Regulated Client Services Section, Riverfront Office Center, 1st Floor, 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104-2516. This notification shall include the name of the individual claimant, the reason for the claim and the amount of the claim. The surety shall not provide the Commonwealth or any private individual with any remuneration until the end of the ninety (90) day period.
2. At the end of the ninety (90) day period, if the claims exceed the amount of the bond limit, payment will be made in the following manner: In all cases the Commonwealth shall have priority and be paid in full before any private claims. The balance of the bond amount, if any, will be divided pro rata amount the private claimants. If, at the end of the ninety (90) day period the total amount of all claims filed does not exceed the bond limit, then all claims covered will be paid in full.
3. Any claims filed after the ninety (90) day period has expired shall be paid from the remainder of the bond amount, if any. The date on which the claim has been filed shall determine the order in which payment shall be made. Those claimants who have filed at the earliest date after expiration of the ninety (90) day period shall have priority.

CERTIFICATION BY PRINCIPAL

BOND NUMBER _____

WITNESS OR ATTEST:

NAME OF PRINCIPAL

BY _____

TITLE _____

CERTIFICATION BY SURETY

NAME OF SURETY COMPANY

WITNESS OR ATTEST:

BY _____
AGENT'S NAME

TITLE _____

ADDRESS OF AGENT

SURETY
COMPANY
SEAL

TELEPHONE () _____

Branch office(s), if any. Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary. (See instruction sheet to determine bond amounts for each branch office.)

Street

City

County

Street

City

County

Street

City

County

Street

City

County

NOTE: If this bond is being executed by power of attorney, a copy must be attached.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOND AMOUNT

Manufacturer/Dealer: \$20,000 for each place of business.

Messenger Service: \$50,000 - Additional \$50,000 per branch office

Full Agent: \$30,000 for each place of business.

Salvor: \$10,000 for each place of business.

Card Agent: \$3,000

The required bond amount must be maintained at all times, with no exceptions. If, at any time, the amount for which the Principal is bonded shall fall below the required amount, the Principal's authorization to operate in accordance with the applicable regulations shall be void.

NOTES

SP4-164

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

As part of the Application for Vehicle Salvage Dealer and/or Repair Towing Business, it is required to provide a copy of a criminal history record of all owner(s) and/or corporate officer(s).

Each owner and/or corporate officer must complete Form SP4-164. Forward the completed SP4-164 with the required fees to the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository. Upon receipt of the Criminal Record History from the Pennsylvania State Police, forward the criminal record history along with your Application for Vehicle Salvage Dealer. Additional SP4-164 forms may be obtained from the nearest Pennsylvania State Police facility.

Instructions for completion:

Part I is to be completed by requestor in its entirety.

The fee of \$10 made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must be included. Payment must be made by certified check or money order.

SALVOR RENEWAL PROCESS



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MV-951R(10-03)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Attached below you will find a renewal application for authorization as a Salvor. Please note that your current status as a Salvor will expire December 31st. This application will allow you to renew your Authorization as a Salvor, which will be valid for one year. Should you no longer wish to retain your Salvor status, your Certificate of Authorization must be surrendered immediately with the date the business ceased operation, to the address listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS

Bond certification must be completed prior to returning renewal to the Department. Renewal must be received prior to December 31st to ensure processing in a timely fashion. Return your completed renewal application in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. If envelope is misplaced mail the completed renewal to the address listed below.

Note: The new Certificate of Authorization issued to you will replace any Certificate of Authorization that has been previously issued.

Warning: Misstatement of fact is a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine up to \$2500 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year (18 PA.C.S. Sect 4904(b)) in addition to any sanction imposed by this Department.

Return Address:
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Abandoned Vehicle Unit
PO Box 68594
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8594

Detach At Perforation

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE, BEND, FOLD, OR MUTILATE

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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZATION AS A SALVOR

EXPIRATION: December 31st, 2005

Salvor ID# _____

Bond Certification
I certify that listed Salvor is bonded by:
Bonding Company Name
Bond Number _____ for the registration year ending December 31, _____
Signature of Bonding Agent
Agents printed name/phone #
Check one <input type="checkbox"/> Bond renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Bond (Must be attached)

I/We certify under penalty of law that the above is complete, true and correct.

Signature of Owner or President of Corporation

GENERAL INFORMATION

As a result of House Bill 152, effective February 2003, salvors are now required to renew on a yearly basis. The basis of the renewal process is defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code [PA Title 75, 7302(d)].

Active salvors will be mailed a renewal notice three (3) months prior to the December 31st expiration. Salvors must have current registration pursuant to Title 75, 1337(a)(2) and will be required to have a certification completed by their bonding agent stating that a bond is in effect. If you have had a change in bonds, you will be required to submit a new MV-375 to the Department with your renewal application.

After certification is completed by the bond company, you will be required to sign the renewal application and return it to the Department.

The Department will then review your renewal application to see if you have maintained current MMVB registration plates and verify your bonding information in addition to verify that no sanctions have been taken against you within the prior year.

If all the criteria is acceptable, you will be issued a new Certificate of Authorization that must be prominently displayed within your place of operation.

SALVOR GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * Upon written request (Form MV-952) of a police department, a salvor must take possession of and remove to his facility any abandoned vehicle within a 30-mile radius of the established place of business.
- * Form MV-952 must be submitted to the Department within 48 hours from the date of tow.
- * To ensure the timely processing of the abandoned vehicle forms, the following is necessary:
 - a. All forms should be completed in their entirety and be legible.
 - b. When submitting Form MV-952 (Police Request for Removal of Abandoned Vehicle) and the vehicle is determined to be either nonrepairable or salvage, a color photo showing the damage indicated must be attached. If the photo does not show the extent of damage, the form will be rejected
- * If the vehicle is reclaimed, Form MV-956 should be forwarded to the Department with the \$25 reclaim fee immediately. Failure to submit the MV-956 with the required fees results in the abandoned indicator remaining on the vehicle record, and the owner will be unable to renew or process any transactions against the vehicle record. Failure to submit required forms is a violation of Title 75, Chapter 73 and Departmental Regulations Title 67, Chapter 253.
- * Registration plates are required to be returned under Title 75, Chapter 13, Section 1334(b) within five days of the date of applying for a Certificate of Salvage accompanied by a statement listing the reasons for the return of the plate and the date of occurrence.
- * **Removal of Inspection Stickers** - the salvor shall remove and destroy the certificate of inspection on every vehicle in their possession after the 30-day reclaim period has expired except for those vehicles used in the operation of the salvor.
- * Salvors are required to maintain records for a period of three years. The records will be kept at the established place of business and shall include the make, year and type of vehicle, from whom purchased or acquired and date, vehicle identification number and date of sale or disposition of vehicle.
- * The Department shall supervise salvors and after providing an opportunity for a hearing, shall suspend the authorization of any salvor that the Department finds is not properly operated or that has violated or failed to comply with the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or Title 67 of Departmental Regulations. A suspended certificate of authorization shall be returned to the Department immediately, except where as a supersedeas appeal has been filed and granted.
- * Violation of the Vehicle Code Title 75, Chapter 73 is punishable upon conviction for the first offense-a fine of \$100. For subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500 and/or imprisonment of not more than 90 days. The Certificate of Authorization as a salvor is subject to suspension as outlined in Title 67, Chapter 253 of Departmental Regulations (Regulations Governing Salvors). To review these sanctions, refer to the appendix section of this manual [Section 253.7 (a)].

NOTES

**ABANDONED VEHICLES
REMOVED FROM PRIVATE
PROPERTY**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Title 75, Chapter 73, Section 7311.1, "a person on whose private property is located a vehicle that has remained on the property without the consent of the property owner or his/her agent may authorize the removal or processing of the vehicle."

Prior to the removal or processing of the vehicle, a report shall be filed by the landowner on a multipart form with the local police department declaring that an unauthorized vehicle has remained on their property unattended for at least 24 hours.

The police department shall within five business days, process the vehicle as abandoned on an MV-952 (Police Request for Removal of Abandoned Vehicle) pursuant to Title 75, Chapter 73, attaching the white copy of the form to the MV-952.

The salvor will then be authorized to remove the vehicle and shall submit the complete MV-952 with in 48 hours after the tow.

The form is a 3-part form that will be retained by the following:

- a. Property owner - retains pink copy.
- b. Local police department - retains yellow copy.
- c. Department of Transportation (this copy will be attached to the MV-952) - retains white copy.

MV-952PP (6-03)

Department of Transportation
 Bureau of Motor Vehicles
 Abandoned Vehicle Unit
 P.O. Box 68594
 Harrisburg, PA 17106-8594



**ABANDONED VEHICLE ON
 PRIVATE PROPERTY
 REPORT BY PROPERTY
 OWNER**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Please use blue or black ball point pen and press hard.
- ❖ Property owner must complete Part A.
- ❖ Police Department employee must complete Part B.
- ❖ Property owner retains pink copy for his/her records.
- ❖ Police Department retains yellow copy for their records.
- ❖ Police Department attaches white copy to completed Form MV-952 within five (5) business days.

A VEHICLE INFORMATION - This section must be completed by the private property owner.					
MAKE OF VEHICLE	MODEL	YEAR (if known)	BODY TYPE	COLOR	PLATE NUMBER
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			DATE OF ABANDONMENT	PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER TELEPHONE NUMBER	
PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER NAME				()	
STREET ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ABANDONED VEHICLE LOCATION ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
<p>I hereby certify that on the the date listed above, the above described unauthorized vehicle was left unattended at the address listed above for more than 24 hours.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE DATE</p>					
B POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION					
POLICE DEPT. NAME					
STREET ADDRESS FOR POLICE DEPT.			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
<p>I hereby acknowledge that on this date I am in receipt of Form MV-952PP completed by the above mentioned private property owner.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE DATE</p>					

FACT SHEET



DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

PURPOSE

This Fact Sheet provides information on disposing of vehicles which have been left on private property.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMINOLOGY USED:

ABANDONMENT: Abandonment involves an intention to abandon together with an act or omission to act by which such intention is carried into effect. "Abandoned property" is that to which an owner has relinquished all rights, title, claim and possession, with no intention of reclaiming it or resuming ownership or possession.

ABANDONED VEHICLE: Section 102 of the Vehicle Code defines an abandoned vehicle in the following manner:

(1) A vehicle (other than a pedalcycle) shall be presumed to be abandoned under any of the following circumstances, but the presumption is rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:

- (i) The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
- (ii) The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
- (iii) The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all the following:
 - (A) A valid registration plate.
 - (B) A current certificate of inspection.
 - (C) An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
- (iv) The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 24 hours.

(2) Vehicles and equipment used or to be used in construction or in the operation or maintenance of highways or public utility facilities, which are left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic, shall not be considered to be abandoned.

PRIVATE PARKING LOT: A parking lot open to the public or used for parking without charge; or a parking lot used for parking with charge. (Section 3353(b) of the Vehicle Code).

SALVOR: A person engaged in the business of acquiring abandoned vehicles for the purpose of taking apart, recycling, selling, rebuilding, or exchanging the vehicles or parts thereof. (Section 102 of the Vehicle Code).

WAREHOUSEMEN: A person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire. (As defined in the Uniform Commercial Code U.C.C.).

July 2003

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles - Research and Support Operations Section
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FORMS FOR PROCESSING ABANDONED VEHICLES

MV-952

POLICE REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

Any salvor taking possession of an abandoned vehicle, within 48 hours after towing, must submit a completed MV-952 form to the Department which indicating the make, model, vehicle identification number and registration plate of the abandoned vehicle, including the name and address of the owner or person(s) who abandoned the vehicle, if known. A determination of value must be entered: nonrepairable, salvage or with value. If nonrepairable is indicated, the salvor will submit Form MV-952S, along with Form MV-952 and a Nonrepairable Certificate will be issued. If the vehicle is determined nonrepairable and there is no identifiable vehicle identification number, the salvor will retain Form MV-952 for a period of three (3) years as proof of ownership. If one color photograph does not clearly indicate the extent of damage, additional photos must be submitted. A law enforcement officer must complete Sections A and B of the MV-952.

Form MV-952 is to be used when:

- a. A vehicle has been declared abandoned by a law enforcement agency and a salvor has been authorized to tow the vehicle. (See example A)
- b. A vehicle has been declared abandoned on private property by a law enforcement agency and the salvor has been authorized to remove the vehicle from the private property. Form MV-952PP must be attached. (See example B)

Instructions to complete the form:

1. A law enforcement officer **must complete** Section A and B in its entirety. The law enforcement officer must sign Section B and list his/her badge number. The date is the declaration of abandonment.
2. Section C is to be completed by the salvor. The salvor is required to complete their determination of value. Signature of an authorized person is required along with the salvor information.
3. When private property removal, Form MV-952PP, "Abandoned Vehicle on Private Property Report" must be attached.

NOTE: Sections A, B and C must always be completed.

NOTES

MV-952 (7-03)

Department of Transportation
 Bureau of Motor Vehicles
 Abandoned Vehicle Unit
 P.O. Box 68594
 Harrisburg, PA 17106-8594



**POLICE REQUEST FOR
 REMOVAL OF
 ABANDONED VEHICLE**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

A VEHICLE INFORMATION - This section must be completed by a Police Officer.

MAKE OF VEHICLE	MODEL	YEAR	BODY TYPE	COLOR	PLATE NUMBER
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		TITLE NUMBER		Odometer reading (Exclude tenths) _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> MILEAGE UNKNOWN	
LAST REGISTERED OWNER NAME					
STREET ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ABANDONED VEHICLE LOCATION ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Check (✓) all blocks that apply <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle was a hazard. <input type="checkbox"/> The notice was sent by certified mail. Certified mail number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> The notice was secured to vehicle. (The vehicle has no identifiable registration plate.) <input type="checkbox"/> Form MV-952PP, "Abandoned Vehicle on Private Property Report", attached.					

B POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION - This section must be completed by a Police Officer.

POLICE CONTROL NUMBER	POLICE DEPT. NAME	DATE
STREET ADDRESS		CITY
STATE		ZIP CODE
VALUE <input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Vehicle (with a VIN) for \$500 or less NOTE: If vehicle is being crushed, Form MV-952S must be attached. (Photo required) <input type="checkbox"/> Nonrepairable (No Vin) (See information note on reverse side of form)		<input type="checkbox"/> Value \$501 to \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Value \$1001 to \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/> Value \$5001 and greater
Brief description of vehicle indicating damaged, missing parts or other unusual features (check appropriate boxes). <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Incomplete		

DAMAGED/MISSING PARTS

Please list a "D" for Damaged and a "M" for Missing on the line provided.

___ F Bumper	___ RR Qts Panel	___ LF Door	___ Glass	___ Other _____
___ Hood	___ R Bumper	___ LR Door	___ Radio	_____
___ RF Fender	___ Trunk Lid	___ LR Qts Panel	___ Interior	_____
___ RF Door	___ Rear End	___ Motor	___ Tires	_____
___ RR Door	___ LF Fender	___ Transmission	___ Body Parts	_____

The vehicle listed above has been declared abandoned by the Police Department listed and has requested the salvor listed below to remove it.

SIGNATURE OF POLICE INVESTIGATOR	BADGE NUMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER
SALVOR NAME		SALVOR CERTIFICATION NUMBER

C SALVOR INFORMATION - This section must be completed by a Salvor.

VALUE	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Vehicle (with a VIN) for \$500 or less NOTE: If vehicle is being crushed, Form MV-952S must be attached. (Photo required) <input type="checkbox"/> Nonrepairable (No Vin) (See information note on reverse side of form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Value \$501 to \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Value \$1001 to \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/> Value \$5001 and greater
SALVOR NAME	SALVOR CERTIFICATION NUMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER
SALVOR'S ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
DATE OF TOW		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON		

THIS FORM MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED

INSTRUCTIONS

THE ORIGINAL SHALL BE MAILED BY THE SALVOR TO THE ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT WITHIN 48 HOURS OF TOWING. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SALVOR SHALL RETAIN COPIES FOR THREE YEARS.

- ❖ Section A must be completed by a Police Officer.
- ❖ Section B must be completed by a Police Officer.
- ❖ Section C must be completed by a Salvor.
- ❖ Submit white copy to PENNDOT.
- ❖ Police Department retains yellow copy for their records.
- ❖ Salvor retains pink copy for his/her records.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

If PA registration, return plate to the Department when applying for a Salvage Certificate to:
Department of Transportation
Return Tag Unit
P.O. Box 68597
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8597

NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE INFORMATION

- ❖ When a vehicle is indicated as nonrepairable, the salvor will retain Form MV-952 for a period of three (3) years as their proof of ownership. Nonrepairable vehicles **DO NOT** qualify for reimbursement under Title 75, Chapter 73 §7309(c).
- ❖ If a MV-952S is attached to this application, a Nonrepairable Certificate will be issued to the salvor as proof of ownership. Once the Nonrepairable Certificate is issued, the vehicle is no longer considered a vehicle and shall not be reconstructed, titled or issued a certificate of any kind.

FORM MV-952S

ABANDONED VEHICLE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Form MV-952S may only be used by a police department in conjunction with Form MV-952 in those instances where an abandoned vehicle is determined to be a salvage vehicle, with a value less than \$500, with a vehicle identification number and the vehicle owner cannot be determined with reasonable diligence.

When this form is utilized, the law enforcement agency is stating this vehicle is salvage and they are authorizing the salvor to either flatten or crush the abandoned vehicle. ***The municipality is accepting full liability for any claims brought forth by any party that has an interest in the vehicle and indemnifies the Commonwealth, its employees and agents from any claim brought forth.***

Upon receipt of the Forms MV-952 and MV-952S, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will permanently remove the vehicle record from the system. The Department will then issue the salvor a nonrepairable vehicle receipt which serves as proof of ownership for said vehicle.

Instructions to complete this form:

- a. Sections A and B are to be completed by the police officer declaring the vehicle abandoned. Section A requires vehicle information and Section B is the Police Officer's Certification and requires the police officer's signature, badge number and date of abandonment.
- b. A color photograph of the vehicle, signed and dated by a police officer, along with the officer's badge number and police department name must be attached.

NOTE: Upon processing the nonrepairable certificate, the vehicle listed can only be used for parts or scrap metal.

MV-952S (12-02)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
HARRISBURG, PA 17104-2516

**ABANDONED VEHICLE
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**
(PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR ABANDONED VEHICLE)

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

USE: This form may only be used by a Police Department in conjunction with Form MV-952 in those instances where an abandoned vehicle is determined to be valueless except for salvage with a vehicle identification number (VIN) and the vehicle owner cannot be determined.

The abandoned vehicle described below and on the attached MV-952 has been declared valueless except for salvage (with a VIN) - \$500 or less. **NOTE:** A color photograph of the vehicle, signed and dated by a police officer, along with the officer's badge number must be attached.

A VEHICLE DESCRIPTION				
Vehicle Identification Number		Title Number (if applicable)		Plate Number (if applicable)
Make	Model	Year	Body Style	Color

B POLICE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION		
<p>I certify that, pursuant to 75 Pa. C. S. § 7309, I have used reasonable diligence in attempting to determine the last registered owner and/or lienholder of this vehicle. However, I have not been able to determine, with reasonable certainty, the identity and address of the last registered owner and/or lienholder. Therefore, since I have determined the vehicle to be valueless except for salvage, I direct the destruction of the vehicle as an abandoned vehicle as an authorized representative of the municipality.</p> <p>Further, the municipality accepts full liability for the determination of the value of the vehicle and all liability for any claim brought by any party of interest to the vehicle. In accepting this liability, the municipality also agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its employees and agents, from any loss suffered by any party having interest in the vehicle and all costs, liabilities, damages or expenses arising from claims of any nature whatsoever of any others as a result of the determination of the value of the vehicle and/or the vehicle being flattened or crushed as an abandoned vehicle.</p> <p>I certify under penalty of perjury that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.</p>		
_____	_____	_____
Signature of Officer	Badge Number	Date

THIS FORM MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED

NOTES

NOTIFICATION LETTERS

Notification to Salvor, Owner, Lienholder of an Abandoned Vehicle

Owner/Lienholder Notification

Once the Department receives a completed MV-952, the Department will send a certified letter to the last known owner and lienholder (if applicable) informing all interested parties the vehicle and its contents have been declared abandoned.

The contents of the letter will include the vehicle make, model year and the vehicle identification number. In addition, the name and the location of the police department who declared the vehicle abandoned and salvor who was authorized to tow the vehicle. (See examples A and B)

Salvor Notification

The salvor notification letter will contain the vehicle make, model year, vehicle identification number and control number assigned to the vehicle that was towed. In addition, it will include the last known owner and lienholder (if applicable) and the police department and their location that declared the vehicle abandoned. (See example C)

NOTE: Pursuant to Chapter 73, Section 7305(b), entitles the owner and lienholder (if applicable) of the vehicle the right within 30 days of the mail date of this notice to request a copy of the abandonment notice, and if necessary, request a hearing before a civilian employee or employee of the municipality to determine if the vehicle was actually abandoned. If the outcome of the hearing proves to be in favor of the vehicle owner/lienholder, they may retrieve the vehicle within 48 hours without payment of any of the fees and penalties relating to the abandonment of vehicles.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNIT
HARRISBURG, PA 17122

DATE: TODAY'S DATE
CONTROL #:1234567
WID#:12345 1234 123456 123 1234

NAME
ADDRESS

VEHICLE MAKE: CHEV
MODEL YEAR: 2000
VIN #:12345678912345678
VEH BODY: SEDAN
TITLE:12345678
STATE: PA

THE ABOVE VEHICLE WAS DECLARED ABANDONED BY THE USA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

IF, AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS REMAIN UNCLAIMED, THE VEHICLE WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 73 OF THE VEHICLE CODE. IF THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS ARE CLAIMED, THE OWNER OR LIENHOLDER MUST PAY ALL TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, PLUS A \$50.00 FEE TO YOU.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD A \$25.00 FEE TO THE COMMONWEALTH. FAILURE OF OWNER OR LIENHOLDER TO RECLAIM THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS SHALL BE DEEMED CONSENT BY THE OWNER AND/OR LIENHOLDER TO THE DESTRUCTION, SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE VEHICLE AND IT'S CONTENTS, FEE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS. THIS IS YOUR ONLY LETTER OF NOTIFICATION. WHEN REFERRING TO THIS VEHICLE IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE, USE THE CONTROL NUMBER INDICATED ABOVE.

OWNER:
NAME
ADDRESS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LISTED ABOVE.

SINCERELY,
ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
HARRISBURG, PA 17122

DATE: TODAY'S DATE
CONTROL #:1234567
WID#:12345 1234 123456 123 1234

NAME
ADDRESS

VEHICLE MAKE: CHEV
MODEL YEAR: 2000
VIN #:12345678912345678
VEH BODY: SEDAN
TITLE:12345678
STATE: PA

THE ABOVE VEHICLE WAS DECLARED ABANDONED BY THE USA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW BEING HELD BY THE SALVOR IDENTIFIED BELOW.

IF, AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS NOTICE WAS MAILED, THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS REMAIN UNCLAIMED, THE VEHICLE WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 73 OF THE VEHICLE CODE. IF THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS ARE CLAIMED, THE OWNER OR LIENHOLDER MUST PAY ALL TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, PLUS A \$50.00 FEE TO THE SALVOR LISTED BELOW.

THE SALVOR WILL FORWARD A \$25.00 FEE TO THE COMMONWEALTH. FAILURE OF OWNER OR LIENHOLDER TO RECLAIM THE VEHICLE AND IT'S CONTENTS SHALL BE DEEMED CONSENT BY THE OWNER AND/OR LIENHOLDER TO THE DESTRUCTION, SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS. THIS IS YOUR ONLY LETTER OF NOTIFICATION. WHEN REFERRING TO THIS VEHICLE IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE, USE THE CONTROL NUMBER INDICATED ABOVE.

PLEASE NOTE: WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE MAIL DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE INFORMATION REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LISTED ABOVE AND THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LISTED ABOVE.

OWNER:
NAME
ADDRESS

SALVOR:
NAME
ADDRESS

THE SALVOR WORKS ONLY BY THE DIRECTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LISTED ABOVE.

SINCERELY,
ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
HARRISBURG, PA 17122

DATE: TODAY'S DATE
CONTROL #:1234567
WID#:12345 1234 123456 123 1234

NAME
ADDRESS

VEHICLE MAKE: CHEV
MODEL YEAR: 2000
VIN #:12345678912345678
VEH BODY: SEDAN
TITLE:12345678
STATE: PA

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THE SALVOR WILL FORWARD A \$25.00 FEE TO THE COMMONWEALTH. FAILURE OF OWNER OR LIENHOLDER TO RECLAIM THE VEHICLE AND IT'S CONTENTS SHALL BE DEEMED CONSENT BY THE OWNER AND/OR LIENHOLDER TO THE DESTRUCTION, SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE VEHICLE AND ITS' CONTENTS, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS. THIS IS YOUR ONLY LETTER OF NOTIFICATION. WHEN REFERRING TO THIS VEHICLE IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE, USE THE CONTROL NUMBER INDICATED ABOVE.

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OWNER:
NAME
ADDRESS

SALVOR:
NAME
ADDRESS

THE SALVOR WORKS ONLY BY THE DIRECTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LISTED ABOVE.

SINCERELY,
ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

FORM MV-956

SALVOR'S APPLICATION FOR SETTLEMENT

In the event the owner or lienholder of the abandoned vehicle reclaims the vehicle, the reclaiming party shall pay the costs of towing and storage, plus a fee of \$50 of which \$25 shall be forwarded to the Department with the completed MV-956. If the vehicle is not reclaimed within 30 days from when the Department notified the owners or lienholders, if applicable, the salvor may apply for authorization to dispose of the abandoned vehicle.

Uses of the MV-956:

- a. To remit the \$25 reclaiming fee when the abandoned vehicle has been reclaimed.
- b. To apply for settlement when the vehicle is salvage and the vehicle has not been reclaimed.
- c. To apply for authorization to dispose of an abandoned vehicle when the vehicle has value and has not been reclaimed.
- d. To apply for settlement when the vehicle is salvage and there is no last known owner/lienholder. Salvor will be required to attach copy of advertisement that was published declaring the vehicle abandoned.

NOTE: Advertisement must list make, vehicle identification number and location where vehicle is being held.

Instructions for Completion of the MV-956:

1. Enter the abandoned vehicle control number, vehicle information and mileage. If mileage is not known, the box may be checked to indicate mileage unknown. (Control number and vehicle information may be obtained off the salvor notification letter.)
2. If the vehicle was reclaimed, Sections A and D must be completed by the salvor. Section B must have the date of reclaim and the signature of the authorized person reclaiming the vehicle. A check in the amount of \$25 made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" must be attached to the completed Form MV-956.
3. If the vehicle is salvage, the salvor must complete Sections A, C and D and remit back to the Department for the certificate of salvage to be issued. Reimbursement of \$15 for the towing of the abandoned vehicle will then be issued.
4. If the vehicle has been declared abandoned with value, the salvor must then complete Sections A, C and D requesting the authorization to hold the vehicle for public auction.
5. If the vehicle is salvage and no known owner and/or lienholder could be determined, the salvor must then complete Sections A, C and D. The salvor is required to submit a copy of the advertisement that was placed in the newspaper declaring the vehicle abandoned.

NOTE: Prior to the completion of the Form MV-956, the Salvor must contact the law enforcement agency that declared the vehicle abandoned to see if an appeal was filed regarding the abandonment of this vehicle.

MV-956 (02-03)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
 ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT
 P.O. BOX 68594
 HARRISBURG, PA 17106

**SALVOR'S
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 FOR SETTLEMENT**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

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- UNCLAIMED VEHICLE WITH VALUE/Complete Sections A, C, D (Certificate will be branded "formerly abandoned").

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222252

P.D. CONTROL # (if designated) ABANDONED VEHICLE CONTROL#

(A) MAKE OF VEHICLE BUICK	MODEL	YEAR 2000	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1G4LWS2KXX48X0001		TITLE NUMBER 22140100		REGISTRATION PLATE NO./STATE
MILEAGE READING - (MUST BE COMPLETED) <div style="text-align: right;">NO TENTHS</div> I/We certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the odometer reading is _____, _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> miles and reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle, unless one of the following boxes is checked: <input type="checkbox"/> Reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits <input type="checkbox"/> is NOT the actual mileage. Warning: Odometer discrepancy.				
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(B) NOTIFICATION OF RECLAIMED ABANDONED VEHICLE

On **08-22-06**, the above abandoned vehicle was reclaimed by owner lienholder.

A fee of \$50.00 was paid by the reclaiming party of which \$25.00 is enclosed.

Sally Adams

 Signature of owner or authorized person reclaiming vehicle

- (C)** The above vehicle with value has remained unclaimed in my possession for 30 days since owner was notified. I request authorization to dispose of the vehicle by Public Auction.
- The above salvage vehicle in my possession has remained unclaimed for 30 days from the date notification was mailed to owner. I hereby request a certificate of salvage in connection with an involuntary transfer of ownership and reimbursement of \$15.00 for towing the abandoned vehicle.
- The above vehicle has remained in my possession for 30 days since the enclosed advertisement was published. I hereby request a Certificate of Salvage in connection with an involuntary transfer of ownership and reimbursement of \$15.00 for towing the abandoned vehicle.

(D) I/We hereby certify under penalty of law that ALL information contained herein is TRUE and CORRECT and that I understand that any misstatement of fact is a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine up to \$2,500.00 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year (18 PA. C.S. Section 4904(b)).

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON <i>John Keeper</i>		DATE 08-22-06
SALVOR'S NAME Keeper Auto Salvage		
ADDRESS 123 Valentine Avenue		
CITY Springfield	STATE PA	ZIP CODE 17889
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATE NUMBER K0123		TELEPHONE (215)123-4567

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234567

P.D. CONTROL # (if designated)

ABANDONED VEHICLE CONTROL#

(A)	MAKE OF VEHICLE CHEVROLET	MODEL	YEAR 1999	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 123ABCD56780EFG24		TITLE NUMBER 11999999		REGISTRATION PLATE NO./STATE	
MILEAGE READING - (MUST BE COMPLETED)			NO TENTHS		
I/We certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the odometer reading is _____, _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> miles and reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle, unless one of the following boxes is checked:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits			<input type="checkbox"/> is NOT the actual mileage. Warning: Odometer discrepancy.		
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(B) NOTIFICATION OF RECLAIMED ABANDONED VEHICLE

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Date

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 Signature of owner or authorized person reclaiming vehicle

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON <i>Gina Pepper</i>		DATE 5-10-06
SALVOR'S NAME One on One		
ADDRESS 1023-28 North Penn Street		
CITY Harrisburg	STATE PA	ZIP CODE 17100
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATE NUMBER P0012	TELEPHONE (717) 123-4567	

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123456

P.D. CONTROL # (if designated)

ABANDONED VEHICLE CONTROL#

(A)	MAKE OF VEHICLE BMV	MODEL 610	YEAR 2005	BODY TYPE	COLOR
	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 4234BMA456AD7890		TITLE NUMBER 9009999909		REGISTRATION PLATE NO./STATE
MILEAGE READING - (MUST BE COMPLETED)					
I/We certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the odometer reading is _____, _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO TENTHS miles and reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle, unless one of the following boxes is checked:					
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 Signature of owner or authorized person reclaiming vehicle

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON <i>Joe Public</i>		DATE 5-10-06
SALVOR'S NAME Public Auto		
ADDRESS 99 One Road		
CITY Public	STATE PA	ZIP CODE 12002
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATE NUMBER P0330		TELEPHONE 610-456-1234

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111333

P.D. CONTROL # (if designated)

ABANDONED VEHICLE CONTROL#

(A)	MAKE OF VEHICLE HONDA	MODEL	YEAR 2002	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 12DBC234EDF67879		TITLE NUMBER 9999666777		REGISTRATION PLATE NO./STATE	
MILEAGE READING - (MUST BE COMPLETED)					NO TENTHS
I/We certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the odometer reading is _____, _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> miles and reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle, unless one of the following boxes is checked:					
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON <i>Kim Table</i>		DATE 02-02-04
SALVOR'S NAME Kline Auto Recycling		
ADDRESS 5106 May Avenue		
CITY Pittsburgh	STATE PA	ZIP CODE 17204
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATE NUMBER K3456	TELEPHONE 612-234-1234	

**THIS APPLICATION MAY BE
 PHOTOCOPIED**

FORM MV-957

SALVOR'S AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE WITH VALUE

If the vehicle has been declared abandoned with value and has not been reclaimed by the owner or lienholder, if applicable, the vehicle must be sold at public auction. The salvor will keep the costs incurred for towing, storage, notice and publication costs and the expenses of the auction. The remainder of the proceeds, if any, must be paid to the Department to be deposited into the Motor License Fund. The salvor must give the purchaser a sale receipt and apply for a title for the purchaser.

If the vehicle fails to be sold at public auction, the salvor may then apply for a Certificate of Salvage. (Note: When the vehicle fails to sell at public auction and the salvor is applying for a Certificate of Salvage, there will be no reimbursement of the \$15 fee for towing the abandoned vehicle when the vehicle has been deemed to have value.)

Uses of the Form MV-957:

- a. To provide the salvor with authorization to auction a vehicle with value.
- b. To notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the results of the public auction and the expenses incurred.

Instructions for the completion of the Form MV-957:

1. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will complete sections A and B. Upon receipt, the salvor is authorized to offer the vehicle for sale at public auction.
2. After the public auction is held, the salvor is required to complete Sections C and D of the form. The following information is required:
 - a. Date of public auction
 - b. Location of public auction
 - c. Expenses including storage, towing and advertising
 - d. Proceeds from the auction
 - e. Balance due the Commonwealth, if any
 - f. Salvor information including the signature of authorized person and date form was completed
 - g. Odometer Reading.
3. If there is no balance due the Commonwealth, complete the form immediately following the public auction and forward it to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles with a completed MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title", and the appropriate fees, bill of sale and advertisement.
4. If there a balance due the Commonwealth, the monies should be forwarded to the Abandoned Vehicle Unit with this form.
5. No white-out may be used on forms.

(Note:The Abandoned Vehicle Unit will issue Form MV-957.)

**SALVOR'S APPLICATION FOR
 AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE
 OF ABANDONED VEHICLE
 WITH VALUE**

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

(A) FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:

AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC AUCTION. The abandoned vehicle described below in your possession of which the value is _____ is now legally authorized for disposal. Date of such auction and account of the sale must be relayed to the Abandoned Vehicle Unit by completing this final statement.

 Signature of Authorized BMV Agent

(B) VEHICLE INFORMATION

 P.D. CONTROL # (if designated)

 ABANDONED VEHICLE CONTROL#

MAKE OF VEHICLE	MODEL	YEAR	BODY TYPE	COLOR
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		TITLE NUMBER	REGISTRATION PLATE NO./STATE	

(C) NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC AUCTION - A COPY OF THIS BILL OF SALE AND ADVERTISEMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED.

In accordance with Chapter 73 of the Vehicle Code and authorization of the Department of Transportation, I have sold the above vehicle in my possession at public auction held _____ at:

 Date

 Full Name and Address of Auction if other than Salvor Location

Expenses:

STORAGE \$ _____	PROCEEDS FROM AUCTION \$ _____
TOWING \$ _____	LESS TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____
EXPENSES OF AUCTION AND ADVERTISING \$ _____	** BALANCE DUE COMMONWEALTH \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

** ANY REMAINING BALANCE SHALL BE PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND.

MILEAGE READING - (MUST BE COMPLETED)

NO TENTHS

I/We certify to the best of my/our knowledge that the odometer reading is _____, _____ miles and reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle, unless one of the following boxes is checked:

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON	DATE
SALVOR'S NAME	
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATION NUMBER	TELEPHONE

(D) This section must be completed only when the above salvor is requesting a certificate of salvage for the vehicle listed above, because the vehicle has failed to be sold at public auction.

I certify that I am seeking a certificate of salvage in connection with an involuntary transfer of ownership and that ALL information contained herein is TRUE and CORRECT.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON	DATE
SALVOR'S NAME	
SALVOR'S CERTIFICATION NUMBER	TELEPHONE

NOTE: The Pennsylvania Certificate of Title or Certificate of Salvage issued for this vehicle will be branded "formerly abandoned".

FORM MV-5
CERTIFICATE OF SALVAGE

The Certificate of Salvage is purple in color and is noted across the top "Certificate of Salvage For A Vehicle." It is printed on standard security paper so that if the certificate is reproduced, the word "VOID" will appear across the Certificate of Salvage.

Assignments on the Certificate of Salvage do not require notarization.

NOTES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

CERTIFICATE OF SALVAGE FOR A VEHICLE

REGISTRATION NOT TO BE ISSUED

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993659999999999-999

12345ABCDE67890FGHIJK 9999 | CHEVROLET | 99999992399 PU

SDN BODY TYPE | 99 DUP | 999 SEAT CAP | NY PRIOR TITLE STATE | 12/12/99 ODOM. PROCD. DATE | 999999 ODOM. MILES | 0 ODOM. STATUS

12/12/99 DATE PA TITLED | 12/12/99 DATE OF ISSUE | 88,888 UNLADEN WEIGHT | 88,888 GVWR | 88,888 GVWR | XXG TITLE BRANDS

Table with 2 columns: TITLE BRANDS. Left column lists A-F, H. Right column lists L, P, R, S, T, V, W, Z.

Table with 1 column: ODOMETER STATUS. Lists 0-4 with descriptions of odometer status.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: FORM MV 421B MUST BE USED WHEN APPLYING FOR A "RECONSTRUCTED" PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. THIS SALVAGE VEHICLE MAY NOT BE OPERATED ON THE HIGHWAY UNTIL A "RECONSTRUCTED" TITLE IS ISSUED.

SALVAGE VEHICLE OWNER(S) 999999
JOHN Q PUBLIC
100 NORTH STREET
APT 12
HARRISBURG PA 00000-0000

ALLEN D BIEHLER



I certify as of the date of issue, the official records of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reflect that the person(s) or company named herein is the legal owner of the said salvage vehicle.

Secretary of Transportation



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STORE IN A SAFE PLACE - IF LOST APPLY FOR A DUPLICATE - ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE CERTIFICATE

MV-5NR(02-03) 6/01

**THIS IS A NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE AND
CANNOT BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR
SALVAGE OR REGISTRATION IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**THE VEHICLE LISTED BELOW CAN ONLY BE USED FOR PARTS OR
SCRAP METAL**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation certifies that the Nonrepairable Vehicle Certificate below is issued in compliance with the laws of Pennsylvania.

Detach Here

Detach Here

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE CERTIFICATE**

VIN: VIN NUMBER/STRINGL021 **TITLE:** TITL8CHKDIGL14

YR/MAKE: YEARMKETYPEOFVEHI **TYPE:** LEL24

DATE OF ISSUE: EXPIRYDATL12 **WID:** WID NUMBER LENGTH0022

NAMEADDRESSLINE123CHARS
NAMEADDRESSLINE223CHARS
NAMEADDRESSLINE323CHARS
NAMEADDRESSLINE423CHARS
NAMEADDRESSLINE523CHARS

SIGNATURE

My signature acknowledges that I understand this vehicle may be used as a source for parts or scrap and may **NOT** be issued a certificate of title or certificate of salvage in Pennsylvania.

NOTES

PA REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 253

CHAPTER 253. SALVORS

§ 253.1. Purpose.

This chapter establishes rules governing the qualifications and duties of salvors in removing and disposing of abandoned vehicles, as provided by 75 Pa.C.S. §7301 (relating to authorization of salvors).

§ 253.2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Abandoned vehicle—

- (1) A vehicle, other than a pedalcycle, shall be presumed to be abandoned under one or more of the following circumstances, but the presumption is rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:
 - (i) The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.

Bureau—The Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Department.

Department—The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth.

Established place of business—The place actually occupied either continuously or at regular periods by a salvor where the books and records are kept and a large share of the business is transacted.

Police department—The State Police or the law enforcement agency of a county, city or incorporated town, borough or township.

Salvor—A person engaged in the business of acquiring abandoned vehicles for the purpose of taking apart, junking, selling, rebuilding or exchanging the vehicles or parts thereof.

Valueless except for junk—A vehicle which is inoperable, lacks vehicle equipment required under 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 4101—4983 (relating to vehicle characteristics), or lacks essential parts as a result of removal or destruction of the essential parts to the extent that the costs of repairs would exceed the value of the repaired vehicle. The term does not include a vehicle which would qualify as an antique or classic vehicle except for its lack of restoration or maintenance.

Vehicle identification number—A combination of numerals or letters, or both, which the manufacturer assigns to a vehicle for identification purposes, or, in the absence of a manufacturer-assigned number, which the Department assigns to a vehicle for identification purposes.

- (ii) The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
 - (iii) The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear the following:
 - (A) A valid registration plate.
 - (B) A certificate of inspection.
 - (C) An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
 - (iv) The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours.
- (2) Vehicles and equipment used or to be used in construction or in the operation or maintenance of highways or public utility facilities, which are left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of traffic, will not be considered to be abandoned

Vehicle identification number plate—The primary and official identification plate, tag or label of a vehicle, whether of metal, plastic or other material on which is indented, embossed, painted or otherwise noted a unique combination of numerals or letters, or both, of the manufacturer for public identification purposes, or the metal special identification number plate assigned to a vehicle by the Department. The term does not include a secondary plate, label or tag affixed to a vehicle for purposes such as safety certification, notation of oil change mileage, and the like even though the label or plate bears the vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

§ 253.3. Application for certification of authorization.

- (a) Criteria for applicants. A person wishing to be authorized as a salvor shall meet the following conditions:
 - (1) The applicant shall have and maintain an established place of business.
 - (2) The applicant shall be a vehicle salvage dealer as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. §1337(c) (relating to use of “Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business” registration plates).
 - (3) The applicant shall be the owner or lessee of adequate storage facilities.
 - (i) Adequate storage facilities means an open or closed space of at least 5,000 square feet reserved solely for the storage of abandoned motor vehicles.

- (ii) The storage facility shall comply with the act of July 28, 1966, 3rd Special Session (P. L. 91, No. 4) (36 P. S. § § 2719.1—2719.15), known as the Junkyard and Automotive Recycler Screening Law, pertaining to licensing and screening of junk yards if the place of business of the salvor is within 1,000 feet of an interstate or primary highway.
 - (4) The applicant shall own or rent suitable equipment for the towing of abandoned vehicles. Suitable equipment shall be a 1 ton or more truck specifically designed or adapted for use to tow or haul abandoned vehicles.
- (b) Application procedure. A person wishing to be authorized as a salvor shall apply on a form provided by the Bureau which shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - (1) A bond in the amount of \$10,000.
 - (i) The bond posted on behalf of the salvor shall indemnify the public and the Department against damages incurred as a result of negligence or intentional conduct by the principal and the employees thereof. The bond shall cover all places of business operated by the salvor.
 - (ii) If the bond is withdrawn by the bonding company or the bonding company becomes insolvent, the certificate of authorization to operate as a salvor shall be automatically suspended or terminated until the salvor furnishes the Commonwealth with a substitute bond in the amount required by law.
 - (2) A copy of the lease or deed of the applicant's place of business.
- (c) Opportunity for review. If the Department denies an application for a certificate of authorization, the Department will provide the applicant with a letter listing the reasons for denial and an opportunity to show cause why the application should not be denied.
- (d) Temporary certificate of authorization. After reviewing an application, the Bureau may issue a temporary certificate of authorization. The temporary certificate of authorization will be issued for 60 days, during which period the Bureau may cause an investigation to be made of the operations of the salvor. When the temporary certificate of authorization expires, the Bureau may issue a regular certificate of authorization or, if the processing of the application has not been completed, the Bureau will renew the temporary certificate of authorization.

§ 253.4. Operation of business.

- (a) Display of certificate of authorization. Every salvor shall display its certificate of authorization in its place of business, and a supplemental certificate in any branch office or other place of business.
- (b) Notice of name or address changes. Every salvor shall notify the Department within 5 days of a change in a mailing or business address, or of a change in name.
- (c) Maintenance of records. The salvor shall maintain a separate record on each abandoned vehicle in its possession. If the abandoned vehicle is sold, this transaction shall be recorded in the appropriate file. The files shall be maintained for at least 3 years.
- (d) Security. The salvor shall maintain at each place of business facilities such as locking cabinets or other similar equipment which shall meet the approval of the Bureau for assuring the security of documents. The documents shall be secured in the facilities during nonbusiness hours.
- (e) Transfer of certificate of authorization. A certificate of authorization may not be transferred and shall be valid only for the owner in whose name it is issued.
 - (1) In the case of a change of ownership, the salvor shall notify the Bureau within 5 days.
 - (2) The following are regarded as changes of ownership:
 - (i) When the owner takes a new partner.
 - (ii) When the owner sells the business.
 - (iii) When the business is incorporated.
 - (iv) When a controlling interest in a corporation is sold.
 - (v) When an owner retires or dies.
- (f) Inspection of records. Records required by the Department to be maintained by the salvor in carrying out its duties under this chapter shall be subject to periodic inspection by authorized representatives of the Department or its designated agents, under the following conditions:
 - (i) Place. The inspection will be conducted at the salvor's established place of business.

- (ii) Time. The inspection will be conducted during regular business hours.
- (iii) Scope. The inspection will be limited to examination of the records, as well as vehicles or parts of vehicles which are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of this chapter and which are on the premises.

§ 253.5. Acquisition of abandoned vehicles.

- (a) Police request to remove vehicle. A salvor may not refuse the request of a police department to tow an abandoned vehicle, except when the vehicle is located more than 30 miles from the place of business of the salvor.
- (b) Receipt of police request prior to removing vehicle. The appropriate form provided by the Department, properly completed by the police department, shall be received by the salvor prior to the movement of the vehicle, except when the owner or person in control of private property requests the removal of a vehicle valueless except for junk.
- (c) Duty to report possession of abandoned vehicle. The salvor shall send to the Department, within 48 hours of taking possession of a vehicle, the fully completed Departmental form, as provided in subsection (b).

§ 253.6. Vehicles valueless except for junk.

The salvor who has removed a vehicle declared to be valueless except for junk shall submit the appropriate form and comply with the following:

- (1) Send to the Department with the completed appropriate form, as provided in §253.5(b) (relating to acquisition of abandoned vehicles), one or more photographs of the vehicle.
 - (i) One photograph will be acceptable if it clearly shows the extent of damage, deterioration, or both, of the vehicle to substantiate the declaration of “valueless except for junk.”
 - (ii) Two or more photographs shall be submitted if necessary to show the extent of damage, state of deterioration, or both, the age and model identity, and the like, for substantiating the claim.
- (2) If the vehicle was removed from private property under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1117(c) (relating to vehicle destroyed or junked), furnish a copy of the salvor’s report of possession and statement of condition to a police department.

§ 253.7. Sanctions for violations by salvors.

- (a) Schedule. After providing for an opportunity for a hearing, the Department may impose suspensions or sanctions on a salvor, according to the following schedules of violations by the salvor, when the Department finds upon sufficient evidence that:

Category I	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th and Subsequent Offense
(1) The salvor has failed to pay fees payable to the Commonwealth in connection with the operation of the business of the salvor.	Until fees are paid, plus 1 month	Until fees are paid, plus 3 months	Until fees are paid, plus 6 months	Revocation
(2) The salvor has refused to allow inspection of records by authorized representatives of the Department.	Until records have been inspected, plus 3 months.	Until records have been inspected, plus 6 months.	Until records have been inspected, plus 1 year	Revocation

Category II	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th and Subsequent Offense
(1) The salvor has failed to notify the Department of a change in name or mailing or business address within 5 days of the change.	Until the change has been approved	Until the change has been approved, plus 1 month.	Until the change has been approved, plus 3 months.	Until the change has been approved, plus 6 months.
(2) The salvor has failed to notify the Department of a change in ownership of the business.	Until the change has been approved	Until the change has been approved, plus 1 month	Until the change has been approved, plus 3 months	Until the change has been approved, plus 6 months
(3) In the case of the removal of a vehicle from private property, the salvor has failed to furnish a copy of the report of possession and statement of condition to a police department	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
(4) The salvor has failed to maintain records in the prescribed manner or has failed to keep records in a secure place	Written warning	1 month	3 months	6 months
(5) The salvor has failed to send required forms, photographs, or both, to the Department	Written warning	1 month	3 months	6 months

- (b) Second and subsequent offenses. Second offenses are determined on the basis of a previous offense of the same nature committed within a 3-year period. Third or subsequent offenses are determined on the basis of two or more previous violations of the same nature committed within a 3-year period.
- (c) Multiple offenses. In the case of multiple offenses considered at one time, the Department may impose separate sanctions for each violation under the schedule in subsection (a). The Department may direct that a suspension imposed be served concurrently or consecutively.
- (d) Vehicle salvage dealer registration suspension. If the salvor's registration in the vehicle salvage dealer class of Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business is suspended under Chapter 53 (relating to manufacturers, dealers and miscellaneous motor vehicle businesses registration plates), the salvor shall also be suspended from operating as a salvor for the same period of time.
- (e) Suspension authority reserved. The description of grounds for suspension or revocation in subsection (a) does not limit the authority of the Department to suspend or revoke the salvor's certificate of authorization for one or more of the following:
 - (1) Commission of an offense not described in subsection (a), but which is similar in nature and effect.
 - (2) Conviction or acceptance of accelerated rehabilitative disposition of an offense under the laws of this Commonwealth, another state or the United States involving motor vehicles or moral turpitude.
- (f) Revocation. Upon revocation of a salvor's certificate of authorization, the salvor shall be prohibited from reapplying for a new certificate of authorization for at least 1 year, or longer as otherwise determined by the Department. The salvor shall be required to surrender his certificate of authorization to an authorized representative of the Department.

NOTES

CHAPTER 73
ABANDONED VEHICLES AND CARGOS

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Enactment. Chapter 73 was added June 17, 1976, P.L.162, No.81, effective July 1, 1977.

Cross References. Chapter 73 is referred to in sections 3352, 3712, 3712.2 of this title.

§ 7301. Authorization of salvors.

(a) General rule.--The department shall authorize and shall issue a certificate of authorization to every salvor that complies with the requirements of this chapter and regulations adopted by the department and is a currently registered vehicle salvage dealer as defined in section 1337(c)(2) (relating to use of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" registration plates).

(a.1) Repair or towing business.--The department may authorize and issue a certificate of authorization to a currently registered repair or towing business under section 1337(c)(1) if there is no qualified vehicle salvage dealer in a county.

(b) Unauthorized operation prohibited.--No person shall operate as a salvor unless authorized.

(c) Duty of salvor.--(Deleted by amendment).

(d) Storage facility.--(Deleted by amendment).

(July 11, 1996, P.L.660, No.115, eff. imd.; Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

§ 7302. Certificate of authorization.

(a) Application and issuance.--Application for a certificate of authorization shall be made on a form prescribed by the department. The department shall investigate the qualifications and fitness of the applicant and shall issue a certificate of authorization if it determines that the applicant is capable of performing the duties of a salvor in a manner consistent with the public interest.

(b) Place of business.--Every applicant shall have and maintain an established place of business. If the applicant has or intends to have one or more places of business or branch offices, the application shall contain complete information for each location.

(c) Bonding required.--Before issuing a certificate of authorization, the department shall require the applicant to furnish and maintain a bond indemnifying the public and the department in the amount of \$10,000. An individual bond for each place of business is not required, but all places of business shall be covered by the bond.

(d) Duration and renewal.--Certificates of authorization shall be issued for a period of one year and shall be subject to annual renewal, including a review of the salvor's status as a vehicle

salvage dealer under section 1337(c)(2) (relating to use of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" registration plates).

(e) Storage facility.--A salvor shall rent or own a storage facility which shall comply with the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.91, No.4), referred to as the Junkyard and Automotive Recycler Screening Law, where applicable and with regulations promulgated by the department.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

§ 7303. Suspension of authorization.

(a) General rule.--The department shall supervise salvors and, after providing an opportunity for a hearing, shall suspend the authorization of any salvor which the department finds is not properly operated or which has violated or failed to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted by the department. A suspended certificate of authorization shall be returned to the department immediately except an appeal from suspension as provided in subsection (b) shall operate as a supersedeas of any suspension by the department.

(b) Judicial review.--Any person whose certificate of authorization has been denied or suspended under this chapter shall have the right to appeal to the court vested with jurisdiction of such appeals by or pursuant to Title 42 (relating to judiciary and judicial procedure). The court shall set the matter for hearing upon 30 days' written notice to the department and take testimony and examine into the facts of the case and determine whether the petitioner is entitled to a certificate of authorization or is subject to suspension of the certificate of authorization under the provisions of this chapter.

(Apr. 28, 1978, P.L.202, No.53, eff. 60 days)

1978 Amendment. Act 53 amended subsec. (b).

Cross References. Section 7303 is referred to in section 933 of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure).

§ 7303.1. Duty of police and salvors.

(a) Duty of police and authorized personnel.--Police officers or personnel designated by ordinance of a municipality shall process all vehicles presumed to be abandoned. They shall complete an abandoned vehicle information report on a form prescribed by the department on each vehicle declared abandoned. The report shall include the make, model, vehicle identification number, registration plate number, name and address of the owner or person who abandoned the vehicle, if known, and any other information the department may require. The report shall also indicate the vehicle's status as a vehicle with value, a salvage vehicle or a nonrepairable vehicle. The report shall include the name, signature and badge number of the police officer and the name of the respective police department. The report shall serve as an authorized written request for a licensed salvor to remove, possess and further process the abandoned vehicle.

(b) Duty of salvors.--Upon receipt of the written abandoned vehicle information report from any authorized person described in subsection (a), a salvor shall take possession of and remove to the storage facility of the salvor any abandoned vehicle located within 30 miles of the place of business of the salvor. The salvor shall also indicate on the abandoned vehicle information report the vehicle's status as a vehicle with value, a salvage vehicle or a nonrepairable vehicle.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

2002 Amendment. Act 152 added section 7303.1.

Cross References. Section 7303.1 is referred to in section 7304 of this title.

§ 7304. Reports to department of possession of abandoned vehicles.

Any salvor taking possession of an abandoned vehicle pursuant to section 7303.1 (relating to duty of police and salvors) shall within 48 hours after taking possession send an abandoned vehicle information report to the department. If the report indicates the vehicle is a salvage vehicle, the salvor shall include a photograph of the vehicle to be prepared in a manner prescribed by the department. Any nonrepairable vehicle which does not display an identifiable registration plate, current certificate of inspection and ascertainable vehicle identification number shall be taken into possession and flattened or crushed immediately. There is no requirement to notify the department.

(Apr. 16, 1992, P.L.169, No.31, eff. 60 days; Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

Cross References. Section 7304 is referred to in section 7309 of this title.

§ 7304.1. Reports and removal of abandoned vehicles within the boundaries of a city of the first class.

(a) General rule.--Any and all vehicles reported abandoned to the police department and/or the appropriate designated municipal agency or department that handles the abandoned vehicle and cargo process shall be investigated within five business days to determine if the reported vehicle is abandoned as defined in section 102 (relating to definitions). Upon the completion of the investigation, any and all reported vehicles that satisfy the requirements of the definition of "abandoned vehicle" shall be officially declared abandoned and removed within ten business days by the police department or by an authorized salvor pursuant to police or municipality directions. Proper notification of the removal of the vehicle shall be sent pursuant to section 7305 (relating to notice to owner and lienholders of abandoned vehicles).

(b) Certain vehicles.--Any and all vehicles found to be abandoned vehicles pursuant to subsection (a) and found to have a vehicle registration and an inspection sticker, both of which are expired for a period exceeding 90 days, shall be removed immediately by the police department or by an authorized salvor pursuant to police or municipality directions. Proper notification of the removal of the vehicle shall be sent pursuant to section 7305.

(Dec. 21, 1998, P.L.1126, No.151, eff. 60 days)

1998 Amendment. Act 151 added section 7304.1.

§ 7305. Notice to owner and lienholders of abandoned vehicles.

(a) General rule.--The department upon receipt of an abandoned vehicle information report shall notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the last known registered owner of the vehicle and all lienholders of record that the vehicle is being held as abandoned.

(b) Contents of notice.--The notice shall:

(1) Describe the make, model, title number, vehicle identification number and registration plate number of the abandoned vehicle, if known.

(1.1) State the location of the police department that processed the vehicle.

(2) State the location where the vehicle is being held.

(3) Inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the vehicle and its contents within 30 days after the date the notice was mailed at the place where the vehicle is being held by the salvor, upon payment of all towing, storage charges, the fee authorized in section 7306 (relating to payment of costs upon reclaiming vehicle) and penalties under section 3712(d)(1) (relating to abandonment and stripping of vehicles).

(4) State that the failure of the owner or lienholder to reclaim the vehicle and its contents is deemed consent by the owner to the destruction, sale or other disposition of the abandoned vehicle and its contents and of all lienholders to dissolution of their liens.

(5) Inform the owner and any lienholders of their right, within 30 days of the mailing date of the notice, to request from the appropriate police department a copy of the abandoned vehicle information report and of their right to a hearing conforming to the requirements of 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. B (relating to practice and procedure of local agencies). The hearing shall be before a civilian officer or employee of the municipality in which the vehicle was reported as abandoned. If as a result of the hearing it is determined that the vehicle was not abandoned, the owner or lienholder may retrieve the vehicle within 48 hours without payment of any of the fees and penalties under paragraph (3).

(c) Notice by publication.--If the identity of the last registered owner and of all lienholders cannot be determined with reasonable certainty, the contents of the notice set forth in subsection (b) shall be published one time in one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned. The notice may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles. Notice by publication locally shall be the responsibility of the salvor. The notice shall have the same effect as notice sent by certified mail.

(Apr. 16, 1992, P.L.169, No.31, eff. 60 days; Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

Cross References. Section 7305 is referred to in section 7304.1 of this title.

§ 7306. Payment of costs upon reclaiming vehicle.

In the event the owner or lienholder of an abandoned vehicle reclaims the vehicle, the reclaiming party shall pay the costs for towing and storage from the date the salvor submitted the abandoned vehicle report to the department, plus a fee of \$50 of which \$25 shall be transmitted to the department by the salvor.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

Cross References. Section 7306 is referred to in sections 3352, 7305, 7308 of this title.

§ 7307. Authorization for disposal of unclaimed vehicles.

The department shall, after the expiration of 30 days from the date of notice sent by certified mail to the registered owner and all lienholders of record or 30 days after publication of notice, where applicable, and upon receipt of a written statement from the holder of the vehicle that the abandoned vehicle has not been reclaimed by the owner or lienholder within the 30-day period, authorize the disposal of the abandoned vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 7308. Public sale of unclaimed vehicles with value.

(a) General rule.--If an abandoned vehicle having value has not been reclaimed as provided in this chapter, the vehicle shall be sold at a public auction.

(b) Title of purchaser.--The salvor shall give the purchaser a sales receipt and shall apply to the department for an abandoned branded title which shall be free and clear of all previous liens and claims of ownership.

(c) Disposition of proceeds.--From the proceeds of the sale of the abandoned vehicle, the salvor shall be reimbursed for the fee authorized in section 7306 (relating to payment of costs upon reclaiming vehicle) and the costs of towing, storage from the date the salvor submitted the abandoned vehicle report to the department, notice and publication costs and the expenses of auction. The remainder of the proceeds of a sale shall be paid to the department and transmitted to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Motor License Fund.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

§ 7309. Processing of nonrepairable or salvage vehicles.

(a) Application for certificate of salvage.--If an abandoned vehicle is a salvage or nonrepairable vehicle as deemed by a police officer and salvor, the salvor and the police officer shall note that fact in the report to the department required in section 7304 (relating to reports to department of possession of abandoned vehicles) and shall apply for issuance of a certificate of salvage or nonrepairable vehicle as provided for in Subchapter D of Chapter 11 (relating to salvage vehicles, theft vehicles, reconstructed vehicles and flood vehicles).

(b) Notice and issuance of certificate.--If the identity of the last registered owner cannot be determined with reasonable certainty and it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and addresses of any lienholder, no notice shall be required. Under such circumstances, the department shall upon receipt of the report by the salvor pursuant to section 7304 issue a certificate of salvage as provided in Subchapter D of Chapter 11.

(c) Reimbursement of expenses of salvor.-- Within 60 days of the department's receipt of evidence that a salvor has removed an abandoned vehicle upon the request of a police department, the department shall pay to the salvor from the Motor License Fund the sum of \$15 for the expenses incurred in the removal and towing of the abandoned vehicle. No portion of the \$15 payment or any separate consideration shall be reimbursed or paid to any government agency or municipality by the salvor.

(d) Rights of owners and lienholders.--Issuance by the department of a certificate of salvage, abandoned branded certificate of title or nonrepairable vehicle certificate for a vehicle processed under this section shall operate as a divestiture of all right, title and interest in the vehicle of the owner and all lienholders and any interest in the contents in the vehicle which have not been claimed by the owner.

(e) Police officers and authorized personnel.--Police officers, authorized personnel, their departments or any government agency or municipality shall not assess or accept payment, consideration of any kind or portions of fees outlined in this chapter from any salvor or person for the processing of abandoned vehicles.

(Apr. 16, 1992, P.L.169, No.31, eff. 60 days; Dec. 18, 1992, P.L.1411, No.174, eff. 60 days; Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

§ 7310. Removal of vehicles and spilled cargo from roadway.

(a) General rule.--Police officers may remove or direct removal of abandoned or wrecked vehicles and spilled cargo from any roadway to the nearest point off the roadway where the vehicle or spilled cargo will not interfere with or obstruct traffic. Immediately following an accident, the wrecked vehicle or spilled cargo shall be removed or directed to be removed from the roadway by a police officer if the owner or operator cannot remove the wrecked vehicle or refuses or fails to have the vehicle removed within a reasonable time.

(b) Storage of cargo.--When, in the opinion of a police officer, it is deemed necessary for the protection of the contents or load of a wrecked vehicle or spilled cargo from the elements, spoilage or theft, the police officer may remove or direct to be removed and have stored at the expense of the owner the contents or load or spilled cargo at the nearest practical place of storage.

(c) Liability for damage or loss.--In carrying out the provisions of this section, no liability shall attach to the police officer or, absent a showing of gross negligence, to any person acting under the direction of the police officer for damage to a vehicle or damage to or loss of any portion of the contents or load or spilled cargo.

(d) Removal from Pennsylvania Turnpike System.--Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, any vehicle on the Pennsylvania Turnpike System presumed to be abandoned as defined in section 102 (relating to definitions) shall immediately be removed by or at the direction of the Pennsylvania State Police to the contract garage providing service for that area. In all cases, the Pennsylvania State Police shall remove or direct the removal of any such vehicle within 24 hours of the time of the vehicle's presumption of abandonment.

Section 14. Section 7311 of Title 75 is amended
(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

2002 Amendment. Act 152 added subsec. (d).

§ 7311. Reports by garage keepers of abandoned vehicles.

The person in charge of any garage or repair shop in which a vehicle of unknown ownership has been left for a period of 15 consecutive days or, in the case of repair or storage, 15 consecutive days following the completion of repairs or storage agreement without being removed by the owner or any other person duly authorized to remove the vehicle shall report to the department within 24 hours of the expiration of the 15-day period giving the make, vehicle identification number, registration plate number and the name and address of the person abandoning the vehicle if known. Upon receipt of the report the department shall make a distinctive record of the report and issue a private property abandoned vehicle information report under section 7311.1 (relating to reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles) to the garage keeper to complete and file with the police.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

§ 7311.1. Reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles.

A person on whose private property is located a vehicle which has remained on the property without the consent of the property owner or his agent for more than 24 hours may authorize the removal or processing of the vehicle. Prior to removal or processing of the vehicle, that person shall file a report, on a multipart form prescribed by the department, with the local police department declaring that an unauthorized vehicle has been left unattended and on private property for at least 24 hours. One part of such report shall be retained by that person, and the other part shall be filed with the police department. The police department shall, within five business days, process the vehicle as abandoned under this chapter and attach a copy of the report to the abandoned vehicle information report.

(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

2002 Amendment. Act 152 added section 7311.1.

Cross References. Section 7311.1 is referred to in section 7311 of this title.

§ 7311.2. Salvors to remove abandoned vehicles in good faith.

When requested to remove an abandoned vehicle, no salvor shall relocate and subsequently abandon the vehicle. The salvor shall move the vehicle to a facility for the purpose of storage of abandoned vehicles or another place as directed by the police or approved by the department.
(Dec. 9, 2002, P.L.1278, No.152, eff. 60 days)

2002 Amendment. Act 152 added section 7311.2.

Cross References. Section 7311.2 is referred to in section 7312 of this title.

§ 7312. Penalty for violation of chapter.

(a) Fines and imprisonment.--Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a summary offense, punishable:

(1) For a first offense, by a fine of \$100.

(2) For a subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

(a.1) Specific violation.--In addition to any other criminal or civil penalties provided for in this title or in department regulations, any salvor who violates section 7311.2 (relating to salvors to remove abandoned vehicles in good faith) shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, one-half to be paid to the department and the other one-half to be paid to the municipality where the vehicle was abandoned.

(b) Suspension.--For violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the salvor shall be subject to suspension of the privilege to receive abandoned vehicles under this chapter.

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