



1 B. An owner or a lienholder may report the theft of a vehicle,  
2 or its conversion if a crime, to the Department, but the Department  
3 may disregard the report of a conversion unless a warrant has been  
4 issued for the arrest of a person charged with the conversion. A  
5 person who has so reported the theft or conversion of a vehicle  
6 shall, forthwith after learning of its recovery, report the recovery  
7 to the Department.

8 C. An operator of a place of business for garaging, repairing,  
9 parking or storing vehicles for the public, in which a vehicle  
10 remains unclaimed for a period of thirty (30) days, shall, within  
11 five (5) days after the expiration of that period, report the  
12 vehicle as unclaimed to the Department. Such report shall be on a  
13 form prescribed by the Department.

14 A vehicle left by its owner whose name and address are known to  
15 the operator or ~~his~~ employee of the operator is not considered  
16 unclaimed. A person who fails to report a vehicle as unclaimed in  
17 accordance with this subsection forfeits all claims and liens for  
18 its garaging, parking or storing and is guilty of a misdemeanor  
19 punishable by a fine or not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
20 for each day ~~his~~ the failure to report continues.

21 D. The Department shall maintain and appropriately index  
22 cumulative public records of stolen, converted, recovered and  
23 unclaimed vehicles reported to it pursuant to this section. The

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1 Department may make and distribute weekly lists of such vehicles so  
2 reported to it to peace officers upon request without fee and to  
3 others for the fee, if any, the Department prescribes.

4 E. Any peace officer who has reason to believe or upon  
5 receiving information that a motor vehicle has been stolen shall  
6 have and is hereby vested with authority to confiscate and hold such  
7 vehicle until satisfactory proof of ownership is established.

8 Provided, any vehicle that is towed by a licensed wrecker operator  
9 pursuant to the provisions of Section 954A of this title shall be  
10 exempt from confiscation by any law enforcement officer. Further,  
11 any vehicle towed at the request of any law enforcement agency and  
12 stored by a licensed wrecker operator shall not thereafter be  
13 confiscated or removed from the premises of the licensed wrecker  
14 operator by any law enforcement agency.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/22/2012 -  
18 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.