



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 174

Introduced by: **Senator Wheeler**

1 **An Act to include certain types of vehicles in the abandoned titling process.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 32-36-2 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-36-2.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 5 (1) "Abandoned motor vehicle," any motor vehicle left on a public street or highway or
6 left on private property without the permission of the landowner or tenant;
- 7 (2) "Impounded vehicle," any motor vehicle removed or caused to be removed from a
8 public highway pursuant to § 32-30-19;
- 9 (3) "Junk motor vehicle," any motor vehicle ~~which~~ that has been placed on the property
10 of a recognized junk dealer for the purposes of salvage;
- 11 (4) "Motor vehicle," ~~automobiles, motor trucks, motorcycles, house trailers, trailer~~
12 ~~coaches, cabin trailers, and all vehicles propelled by power other than muscular~~
13 ~~power, except traction engines, road rollers, fire trucks, wagons and engines, police~~
14 ~~and patrol wagons, farm wagons, freight trailers, and such vehicles as run only on~~
15 ~~rails or tracks~~ automobile, boat as defined by § 32-3A-2, house trailer, moped as
16 defined by § 32-3-1, motor truck, motorcycle, off-road vehicle as defined by § 32-
17 20-1, snowmobile as defined by § 32-20A-1, trailer as defined by § 32-3-1, and all
18 vehicles propelled by power other than muscular power, but not a:
- 19 (a) Engine;
- 20 (b) Farm wagon;
- 21 (c) Road roller;
- 22 (d) Traction engine; or
- 23 (e) Vehicle that runs only on rails or tracks;
- 24 (5) "Removal agency," any public body, or private or nonprofit organization,
25 authorized to remove and salvage abandoned and junk motor vehicles and other
26 scrap metals. ~~The~~ A removal agency may be authorized by chapter 32-30 to

- 1 remove vehicles, may be hired or appointed by a public body, or may be in the
2 business of removing or salvaging vehicles; and
3 (6) "Scrap metals," waste or refuse metals that have been in actual use and have been
4 abandoned and are fit only to be remanufactured or recycled.