

**ACT 72**

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Disposition by Police of Certain Abandoned Vehicles and Amending Section 138-32 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 138-32 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Section 138-32. Disposition by police of certain abandoned vehicles.** The chiefs of police of the several counties may dispose of vehicles which have been abandoned on any of the highways of the State or the counties or on any private or public property and have been taken into custody by the members of the police department; provided, that whenever any such vehicle is taken into custody, the chief of police of the county shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written notice of the description, location and intended disposition of such vehicle by certified or registered mail to the legal and registered owner at his last known address, if the legal and registered owner be the same person, or at their respective last known addresses, if they be different persons, according to the registration records in the county, and that such vehicle shall have remained unclaimed for a continuous period of not less than sixty days thereafter. No such notice is required if the legal and registered owner or owners cannot be ascertained. Such disposition shall be at public auction within the county where such vehicle was taken into custody under such procedure as the respective chiefs of police shall establish with the approval of the police commissions of the respective counties; provided, that any person entitled to any such vehicle may claim the same at any time prior to such action upon payment of all costs and expenses allocable to such vehicle as determined by the chiefs of police or their authorized subordinates. Leaving vehicles unattended for more than twenty-four hours shall constitute abandonment within the meaning of this section.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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