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## SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 119** - 02/20/2003

**This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.**

Introduced by: Senators Moore and Duniphan and Representatives Smidt and Michels

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require owners of abandoned vehicles to pay for certain  
2 towing and storage expenses and to provide a penalty for the intentional abandonment of  
3 certain motor vehicles.

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

5 Section 1. Any owner of a motor vehicle who abandons the motor vehicle on any public  
6 highway or right-of-way is financially responsible to the towing company for the expense of  
7 towing the motor vehicle. The owner is also financially responsible for any storage expense  
8 pursuant to § 32-36-8.

9 Section 2. No owner of a motor vehicle may intentionally abandon the motor vehicle on any  
10 public highway or right-of-way. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person  
11 convicted of abandoning a motor vehicle shall be ordered to pay a fine of five hundred dollars.  
12 The court shall suspend the fine if the owner pays for the towing and storage expenses.

