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## STYLE AND FORM VETO ENGROSSED NO. **SB** **119** - 03/08/2003

**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 intentionally abandons a motor vehicle on any  
6 public highway or right-of-way is civilly liable to the towing company for the expense of towing  
7 the motor vehicle. The owner is also civilly liable for any storage expense pursuant to § 32-36-8.

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

