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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **SB 119** - 02/18/2003

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 sentenced to the county jail for a minimum of
12 ten days and ordered to pay a fine of five hundred dollars. The court shall suspend the sentence
13 to county jail and the fine if the owner pays for the towing and storage expenses.

