

Vehicle Industry News

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Private Party Lien Sales

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New Information:

Private parties are **not** legally able to use the vehicle lien sale process outlined in *California Civil Code (CC)* 3067-3074, **unless** they are lawfully in the business of providing repairs, towing, and/or storage of vehicles and legally entitled to compensation not received.

Procedures

Private property owners may have a vehicle removed from their property pursuant to *Vehicle Code* §22658 when the vehicle is abandoned, and the property owner qualifies and complies with the statute. In these cases, the towing company who removed the vehicle has the authority to conduct a lien sale pursuant to CC §§3067-3074.

Background

Private property owners have used the vehicle lien sale processes to dispose of abandoned vehicles on their property.

References

California Civil Code §§1980-1991, 1993-1993.090, 3068-3074
Vehicle Code §22658
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §18.005