State of Arkansas

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By: Representative McNair

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SALE OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY ABANDONED IN A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY; TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF NEW TITLE TO THE PURCHASER; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY ABANDONED IN A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NEW TITLE TO THE PURCHASER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 16, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

18-16-412. Sale of a vehicle.

A self-service storage facility may sell a vehicle of a type subject to registration under the laws of this state using the procedure for the sale of a vehicle as provided in § 27-50-1202 and §§ 27-50-1208 – 27-50-1210.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current law concerning the sale of a vehicle by a self-service storage facility does not authorize the issuance of a new certificate of title to the vehicle purchaser and,
accordingly, self-service storage facilities are unable to sell abandoned vehicles resulting in irreparable harm to these businesses by causing a loss of income and storage space; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow the sale of abandoned vehicles. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/McNair

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