AN ACT concerning vehicles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 4-214.1 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/4-214.1)

Sec. 4-214.1. Failure to pay fines, charges, and costs on an abandoned vehicle.

- (a) Whenever any resident of this State fails to pay any fine, charge, or cost imposed for a violation of Section 4-201 of this Code, or a similar provision of a local ordinance, the clerk may notify the Secretary of State, on a report prescribed by the Secretary, and the Secretary shall prohibit the renewal, reissue, or reinstatement of the resident's driving privileges until the fine, charge, or cost has been paid in full. The clerk shall provide notice to the owner driver, at the owner's driver's last known address as shown on the court's records, stating that the action will be effective on the 46th day following the date of the above notice if payment is not received in full by the court of venue.
- (b) Following receipt of the report from the clerk, the Secretary of State shall make the proper notation to the owner's driver's file to prohibit the renewal, reissue, or reinstatement of the owner's driver's driving privileges. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Section, the notation shall not be removed from the owner's driver's record until the owner driver satisfies the outstanding fine, charge, or cost and an appropriate notice on a form prescribed by the Secretary is received by the Secretary from the court of venue, stating that the fine, charge, or cost

has been paid in full. Upon payment in full of a fine, charge, or court cost which has previously been reported under this Section as unpaid, the clerk of the court shall present the <u>owner driver</u> with a signed receipt containing the seal of the court indicating that the fine, charge, or cost has been paid in full, and shall forward immediately to the Secretary of State a notice stating that the fine, charge, or cost has been paid in full.

- (c) Notwithstanding the receipt of a report from the clerk as prescribed in subsection (a), nothing in this Section is intended to place any responsibility upon the Secretary of State to provide independent notice to the <u>owner</u> driver of any potential action to disallow the renewal, reissue, or reinstatement of the <u>owner's</u> driver's driving privileges.
- (d) The Secretary of State shall renew, reissue, or reinstate an owner's a-driver's driving privileges which were previously refused under this Section upon presentation of an original receipt which is signed by the clerk of the court and contains the seal of the court indicating that the fine, charge, or cost has been paid in full. The Secretary of State shall retain the receipt for his or her records.

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