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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