Under Wisconsin law, an eligible mechanic, towing company, or self-service storage operator, referred to as lien holder from this point forward, may transfer a vehicle pursuant to the proper enforcement of an involuntary lien. An eligible landlord has the power to dispose of an abandoned vehicle upon the tenant’s removal from the leased premises by sale or other appropriate means.

The applicable law specifies the eligibility, required notification procedures, the associated waiting period, and the means by which an eligible lien holder or landlord may dispose of the vehicle.

A new certificate of title in the name of the transferee as owner as a result of an involuntary lien or abandonment of property to a landlord will receive:

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<th>ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY TO LANDLORD INVOLUNTARY SELF-SERVICE STORAGE LIEN</th>
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<td>• If a lien release is not submitted with the application, the transferee will receive a Confirmation of Ownership and the title will be sent to the secured party if the previous owner’s lien was listed after July 30, 2012. See <a href="http://www.liens.dot.wi.gov">www.liens.dot.wi.gov</a> for more information.</td>
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Any money collected pursuant to an involuntary lien transfer or from the landlord’s right to dispose of property must be distributed pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes and the Uniform Commercial Code.

The applicant is required to certify his or her eligibility to enforce the lien or dispose of the abandoned property by signing their name on the statement of fact indicating that he or she is an eligible lien holder or landlord, and has complied with the procedures required by Wisconsin State Statutes.

Falsifying information on this form could result in a fine of up to $10,000 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years or both.

Local Division of Motor Vehicles customer service centers can provide the odometer disclosure statement (MV2488), but cannot answer questions regarding this involuntary lien or abandonment of property to a landlord titling process. Inquiries can be made by:

**Email:** vehiclequestions@dot.wi.gov

- The Research & Information Unit may have to conduct research before replying; please allow two business days for an email response. Do not send a second email.
- If the inquiry involves a specific vehicle, please be sure to provide the vehicle identification number or license plate number in your email.

**Phone:** (608) 266-1466. Calls are answered from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation provides the information on this web site as a convenience to eligible lien holders and landlords. Use of this form by the general public or organizations seeking to obtain a title for an abandoned vehicle is prohibited by law. This page and the application form do not constitute professional legal advice by WisDOT or guarantee eligibility, as circumstances will vary.

WisDOT is not liable for damages, court action, or denials incurred through the inappropriate or illegal use of the application form. By completing this form, the applicant agrees to hold WisDOT harmless in any related actions.

I have read and understand the disclaimer above regarding involuntary lien transfers and the abandonment of property to a landlord. I understand how to properly use and complete the [application form](http://www.liens.dot.wi.gov).