

LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK Impounded Vehicle Requirement Changes

This correspondence is being distributed to authorized Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) user agencies regarding changes to the entry requirements of impounded vehicles into the LEIN, pursuant to Public Act 89 of 2022.

Beginning August 24, 2022, Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 257.252d requires a police agency that authorizes the removal of a vehicle from public or private property to enter the vehicle into the LEIN as an impounded vehicle within 24 hours after ordering the impound of the vehicle. If the impounded vehicle has not been redeemed within seven days, or not less than 20 days and not more than 30 days after the vehicle was released by the police agency in accordance with subsection (5), the police agency shall enter the vehicle into LEIN as an abandoned vehicle within 24 hours of receiving notice that the impounded vehicle has not been redeemed.

Police agencies authorizing the removal of a vehicle shall do all the following:

- 1. Check to determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen before authorizing the removal of the vehicle.
- 2. Enter the vehicle into the LEIN as an impounded vehicle, using the Enter Impounded Vehicle (EIV) LEIN transaction within 24 hours after ordering the impound of the vehicle.
- 3. If the vehicle has not been redeemed by the owner within seven days after the impound of the vehicle, or not less than 20 days and not more than 30 days after the vehicle was released by the police agency in accordance with subsection (5), the towing agency shall notify the police agency that the vehicle has not been redeemed and the police agency shall deem the vehicle abandoned.
- 4. The police agency shall enter the vehicle into the LEIN as abandoned within 24 hours of notification by the towing agency, following the procedures set forth in MCL 257.252a.

Prior to entering an abandoned vehicle into LEIN under MCL 257.252d, the police agency must first cancel the impounded vehicle record from LEIN using the Cancel Vehicle (CV) transaction. The abandoned vehicle must be entered into LEIN using the Enter Abandoned Vehicle (EAV) transaction.

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