

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act amends the statute that regulates the process of the sale of property by a lienholder when a debt is left unpaid.

### Section

#### **1 Sale, when and where made; notice.**

**Subd. 1. Generally.** Creates a subdivision of the existing section.

**Subd. 2. Motor vehicle held by licensed dealer.** Creates a new subdivision that provides that when a lienholder is a motor vehicle dealer, that dealer can sell the vehicle at wholesale or retail instead of selling the vehicle by public auction which was required under the previous law. The act does require the dealer to contact the owner at their last known address, including the address on the title if it is different, and to provide a notice with information related to the sale and the total amount owed on the vehicle, as well as the owners ability to reclaim the vehicle.

**Effective date.** The effective date for this section is August 1, 2014, and applies to vehicles in the possession of a licensed dealer on or after that date.