

**STOLEN OR ABANDONED PROPERTY (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 214 of 1979**

**434.181 Recovery of stolen property or discovery of abandoned personal property; report; request for authority to dispose of property; donation of stolen or abandoned bicycle to charitable organization; donation of reusable property to eligible recipient.**

Sec. 1.

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law and in this section, a law enforcement agency that recovers stolen property or discovers abandoned personal property within the county, city, village, or township that is unclaimed for 6 months after recovery or discovery shall report the recovery or discovery of that property, including money, to the county board of commissioners, city or village council, or township board of trustees and shall request authority to dispose of the property as provided in this act. The law enforcement agency of a city, village, or township may request to give the property to the sheriff of the county to dispose of as provided in this act.

(2) If the property is an abandoned or stolen bicycle, the law enforcement agency may request authority from the county board of commissioners, city or village council, or township board of trustees to donate the bicycle to a state licensed charitable organization.

(3) If the stolen property or abandoned personal property is not a weapon and is reusable property, the law enforcement agency may request authority from the county board of commissioners, city or village council, or township board of trustees to donate the property as provided in section 2, to an eligible recipient that, at the time of the donation, expects to use the property.

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