

Subject Towed vehicle contents

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Overview

This bill modifies procedures, requirements, and civil actions related to obtaining the contents of a vehicle that has been towed to an impound lot.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Retrieval of contents; right to reclaim. Adds proof of identity to the documentation that must be presented when a vehicle owner seeks to retrieve contents from a towed vehicle. Provides for copying records.
2	Retrieval of contents; identification, medicine, and medical equipment. Requires an impound lot operator to allow retrieval of specified contents from an impounded vehicle.
3	Retrieval of contents; notice of denial. Requires private impound lot operators to give specific written reasons when denying a vehicle owner's request to retrieve the contents of a towed vehicle.
4	Retrieval of contents; public notice. Requires private impound lot operators to post a notice regarding retrieval of impounded vehicle contents. Identifies the text of the notice.
5	Retrieval of contents; remedy. Explicitly allows for a civil suit by the vehicle owner when a private impound lot operator violates requirements to release towed vehicle contents. Paragraph (c) provides for injunctive relief and attorney fees. Paragraph (d) provides for an additional liability of \$1,000 in damages, plus attorney fees, under a civil action that must be brought within one year of vehicle impoundment.



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