

Subject Towed vehicle contents  
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### Overview

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

## Summary

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1	<b>Nonpublic operator.</b> Defines “nonpublic operator” in the chapter of statutes on motor vehicle towing, to be a private operator of an impound lot, including private operators who maintain a public impound lot under a contract with a local unit of government.
2	<b>Waiting period extension.</b> Extends the waiting period by an additional 15 days until a towed vehicle or its contents can be disposed of, when a nonpublic impound lot operator denies a vehicle owner’s request to retrieve towed vehicle contents and the denial is within 15 days of the end of the original 45-day waiting period.
3	<b>Payment of charges.</b> Makes conforming changes.
4	<b>Retrieval of contents.</b> Adds proof of identity to the documentation to be presented when a vehicle owner seeks to retrieve towed vehicle contents. Requires nonpublic impound lot operators to give specific written reasons when denying a vehicle owner’s request to retrieve the contents of a towed vehicle.
5	<b>Remedy.</b> Paragraph (a) explicitly allows for a civil suit by the vehicle owner when a private impound lot operator does not release towed vehicle contents, including for attorney fees.

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	Paragraph (b) establishes an additional liability of \$1,000 damages, plus attorney fees, against a nonpublic impound lot operator who violates the content retrieval or extended waiting period provisions.
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