



# SENATE BILL 139: Town of Sylva/Parking Ordinances

2015-2016 General Assembly

**Committee:** Senate State and Local Government  
**Introduced by:** Sen. J. Davis  
**Analysis of:** First Edition

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**SUMMARY:** *Senate Bill 139 would amend the charter of the Town of Sylva to allow the Town to adopt and enforce ordinances related to parking.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 139 would amend the charter of the Town of Sylva to provide that the board of commissioners may, by ordinance, provide the following parking provisions:

- Each hour a vehicle remains illegally parked in an on-street parking space is a separate offense, and the violator may be given a ticket for each offense.
- Any vehicle that has been towed for a parking violation must be held until the towing fee and penalties for all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties owed to the town are paid in full, or a bond is posted. Payment of the towing fee, parking tickets, and parking penalties is not a waiver of a person's right to contest those items.
- The use of wheel locks is permitted for a vehicle parked in a public vehicular area for which there is one or more outstanding, unpaid, and overdue parking tickets for a period of 90 days. The ordinance must provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle, immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal, an immobilization fee not to exceed \$50.00, and charges for towing and storage. The town is not responsible for damage to an immobilized vehicle parked in a public vehicular area that results from unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act is effective when it becomes law.

