

## **SENATE BILL 345: Limit Storage Fees on Damaged Vehicle**

## 2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: Senate Bill 345 limits the fee that can be charged for storage of a vehicle impounded by a law enforcement agency as a result of a crash to \$500.

**CURRENT LAW:** Current law does not limit the fee that can be charged by a storage facility for storage of a vehicle impounded by a law enforcement agency as a result of a crash

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 345 provides:

- If a law enforcement agency impounds a vehicle as a result of a crash, the owner may not be charged more than \$500 in storage fees.
- A law enforcement agency may move a motor vehicle impounded by it as a result of a crash from a commercial storage facility to a public storage facility, if the law enforcement agency determines that storage fees may exceed \$500.
- The bill does not apply to a motor vehicle seized as a result of a violation of law or abandoned by the owner."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Senate Bill 345 becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to motor vehicles impounded on or after that date.

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