



**This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.**

# SENATE BILL 345: Limit Storage Duration for Damaged Vehicle.

2015-2016 General Assembly

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<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Meredith	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Heather Fennell Committee Counsel
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**SUMMARY:** *The PCS for Senate Bill 345 limits the period of time a vehicle can be impounded after a collision to 20 days unless a court order provides otherwise.*

*The PCS removes a provision that would have limited the storage fees for vehicles impounded as the result of a collision to \$500.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Current law does not limit the duration of a vehicle impounded by a law enforcement agency as a result of a collision.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for Senate Bill 345 limits the amount of time a motor vehicle towed and stored at the direction of a law enforcement agency after a collision may be held as evidence. The vehicle may not be stored for more than 20 days, unless there is a court order allowing the car to be impounded for a longer period of time. 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:** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to motor vehicles impounded on or after that date.

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