



# SENATE BILL 345: Limit Storage Fees on Damaged Vehicle

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**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 345 limits to \$500 the fee that can be charged for storage of a vehicle impounded by a law enforcement agency as a result of a collision, and limits the duration of the vehicle's storage to 20 days unless a court order provides otherwise.*

**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 collision.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for Senate Bill 345 provides:

- A motor vehicle towed and stored by a law enforcement agency after a collision may be held as evidence for not more than 20 days, unless there is a court order to the contrary.
- If a law enforcement agency impounds a motor vehicle as a result of a collision, any person with an ownership interest in the vehicle may not be charged more than \$500 in storage fees.
- 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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