



SENATE BILL 345: Limit Storage Duration for Damaged Vehicle

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SUMMARY: 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 changes the effective date from July 1, 2015 to August 1, 2015.

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: 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 August 1, 2015, and applies to motor vehicles impounded on or after that date.

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