



SENATE BILL 345: Limit Storage Duration for Damaged Vehicle

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-188 limits the period of time a vehicle can be impounded after a collision to 20 days unless a court order provides otherwise.*

This act became effective August 1, 2015, and applies to motor vehicles impounded on or after that date.

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

SESSION LAW ANALYSIS: S.L. 2015-188 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 act 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 became effective August 1, 2015, and applies to motor vehicles impounded on or after that date.

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