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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to traffic regulation; requiring vehicle towing under certain conditions;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041, subdivision 3, by adding a  
1.4 subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Four-hour waiting period.** (a) In enforcing state and local parking  
1.8 and traffic laws, a towing authority may not tow, or allow or require the towing of, a  
1.9 motor vehicle from public property for a parking or traffic violation until four hours after  
1.10 issuance of the traffic ticket or citation, except as provided in this section or as provided  
1.11 for an unauthorized vehicle in section 168B.04.

1.12 (b) Unless a vehicle is towed without regard to the waiting period under paragraph  
1.13 (a), as provided in subdivision 4, a peace officer, or within the department's eight-county  
1.14 metropolitan district an authorized employee of the department's freeway service patrol,  
1.15 shall tag a vehicle that is parked within the right-of-way of a controlled-access highway.  
1.16 The tagging must, at a minimum, indicate the date and time of initial identification of the  
1.17 vehicle as subject to towing after the waiting period.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.19 to read:

1.20 Subd. 4a. **Towing required.** A towing authority shall tow or order a tow of a  
1.21 vehicle that:

1.22 (1) is properly tagged and identified as parked for more than 24 hours in the same  
1.23 location; and

2.1 (2) is parked within the right-of-way of a controlled-access highway.