
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1642 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY PISCIOTTANO, ORTITAY, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS,
KINSEY, GALLAGHER, MALAGARI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, CIRESI AND
WARREN, AUGUST 29, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.990, No.110), entitled "An
2 act providing for standards for towing and for violations,"
3 further providing for standards for tow truck operators and
4 towing storage facilities.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 3(g) of the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.990,
8 No.110), known as the Towing and Towing Storage Facility
9 Standards Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 Section 3. Standards for tow truck operators and towing storage
12 facilities.

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14 (g) Storage fee prohibited.--Unless law enforcement has
15 requested that a vehicle be held, a tow truck operator or towing
16 storage facility shall not charge a storage fee for any period
17 during which it has refused reasonable access during posted
18 normal business hours as required in subsection (e) or has

1 refused to allow authorized inspection of the vehicle under
2 inspection rights in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1799.4 (relating to
3 examination of vehicle repairs) or section 11 of the act of
4 December 29, 1972 (P.L.1713, No.367), known as the Motor Vehicle
5 Physical Damage Appraiser Act. A vehicle held at the request of
6 law enforcement shall not accrue additional fees or charges
7 after the vehicle has been in storage for 60 days regardless of
8 the actual length of time the vehicle has been held by the
9 towing storage facility.

10 (h) Notice.--A towing storage facility shall make a good
11 faith effort to notify the owner, lessor or lienholder of a
12 stored vehicle of the stored vehicle's location within five
13 business days of receipt of the vehicle at the towing storage
14 facility. If a vehicle remains in storage for 60 days, a towing
15 storage facility shall make a second good faith effort to notify
16 the owner, lessor or lienholder of the stored vehicle of the
17 stored vehicle's location. Written correspondence sent via first
18 class mail to the address registered with the Department of
19 Transportation shall satisfy the notice requirements under this
20 subsection.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.