

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/16, 4/17, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that disabled or abandoned vehicles taken into custody by a public body will be sold or disposed of by the person engaged to tow the vehicle. Clarifies which statutes are modified by the original bill.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current practice
- Agency support for the bill
- Confusing language in statutes governing tow companies and practices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies which statutes are modified by the original bill.

BACKGROUND: Under current statute, if the State Police is the agency taking custody of the vehicle, they are to turn it over the sheriff's office to dispose of the vehicle and handle the relevant paperwork. Over time, this process has been streamlined – now most State Police offices dispose of their own tows as do sheriff's offices and local police departments. In many cases, the tow company who conducted the tow handles the disposal. The intention of this bill, per Lincoln County Sheriff Dennis Dotson, is to have this streamlined process reflected in statute.