

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger, George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows tower to tow parked vehicle without contacting owner of vehicle if vehicle violates prominently posted no parking sign that warns parking is prohibited 24 hours a day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Predatory towing practices
- Confusion over current statutory language
- Instances in which tower may tow vehicle without contacting facility owner or vehicle owner

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute specifies certain circumstances in which a tower may tow a vehicle without first contacting the owner of the facility at which a vehicle is parked, including when a vehicle blocks entry to a premises or access by emergency vehicles, blocks a parked motor vehicle, parks without permission in a restricted apartment parking area, or parks in violation of a posted parking prohibition.

House Bill 2824-A clarifies that the posted parking prohibition must be a sign that warns that parking is prohibited 24 hours a day.