

SB 372 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Reduces period in which tower must provide notice to owner and lienholder of vehicle after towing vehicle. Reduces amount of any lien claimed if notice requirements not satisfied. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute allows vehicles left or parked without authorization on private property, parked illegally, or otherwise taken into custody to be towed. Towers are required to give notice to the owner and lienholder within 15 or 20 days of storing the vehicle, depending on the nature of the violation that triggered the tow. The tower may place a lien on a towed vehicle in order to recover just and reasonable charges associated with towing and storing the vehicle. Senate Bill 372 reduces the notice requirement from 15 or 20 days to the next business day. The measure also reduces the amount of the lien that a tower can claim when the tower fails to comply with the notice requirements.