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H. F. No. 1574

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to motor vehicles; modifying requirements governing towing authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168B.011, by adding a subdivision; 168B.035, subdivision 5; 168B.04, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11a. **Properly posted.** "Properly posted" means a conspicuous sign that:

(1) is erected in a prominent location for motor vehicle operators;

(2) is clear of snow or other obstructions that block its visibility;

(3) indicates that an unauthorized vehicle may be towed and the circumstances under which a vehicle is unauthorized to park on the property; and

(4) identifies the entity that performs towing and the location where the vehicle will be towed.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.035, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Private property.** This section does not restrict the authority of the owner of private property to ~~authorize under chapter 168B the towing of a motor~~ arrange for towing an unauthorized vehicle ~~unlawfully~~ parked on the private property, as provided under section 168B.04.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Unauthorized vehicles.** (a) Units of government and peace officers may take into custody and impound any unauthorized vehicle under section 168B.035.

(b) A vehicle may also be impounded after it has been left unattended in one of the following public or private locations for the indicated period of time:

(1) in a public location not governed by section 168B.035:

(i) on a highway and properly tagged by a peace officer, four hours;

(ii) located so as to constitute an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling public, as determined by a peace officer, immediately;

(iii) located so as to constitute an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling public within the Department of Transportation's eight-county metropolitan district, as determined by an authorized employee of the department's freeway service patrol, immediately; or

(iv) that is a parking facility or other public property owned or controlled by a unit of government, properly posted, four hours; or

(2) on private property, as provided under subdivision 3:

(i) that is single-family or duplex residential property, immediately;

(ii) that is private, nonresidential property, properly posted, immediately;

(iii) that is private, nonresidential property, not posted, 24 hours;

(iv) that is private, nonresidential property of an operator of an establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles, five business days after notifying the vehicle owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the property owner's intention to have the vehicle removed from the property; or

(v) that is any residential property, properly posted, immediately.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168B.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **Limitations.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "vehicle tower" has the meaning given in section 168B.14, subdivision 1.

(b) A vehicle tower may impound a vehicle from private property under this section only if the property owner or a designee:

(1) identifies the vehicle make, model, and license plate number; and

(2) specifically authorizes the vehicle tower to impound the identified vehicle.