

A bill for an act

relating to traffic regulations; permitting tow of vehicle unlawfully parked
in valet parking zone; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041,
subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.041, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Towing allowed.** A towing authority may tow a motor vehicle without
regard to the four-hour waiting period if:

(1) the vehicle is parked in violation of snow emergency regulations;

(2) the vehicle is parked in a rush-hour restricted parking area;

(3) the vehicle is blocking a driveway, alley, or fire hydrant;

(4) the vehicle is parked in a bus lane, or at a bus stop, during hours when parking
is prohibited;

(5) the vehicle is parked within 30 feet of a stop sign and visually blocking the
stop sign;

(6) the vehicle is parked in a disability transfer zone or disability parking space
without a disability parking certificate or disability license plates;

(7) the vehicle is parked in an area that has been posted for temporary restricted
parking (i) at least 12 hours in advance in a home rule charter or statutory city having
a population under 50,000, or (ii) at least 24 hours in advance in another political
subdivision;

(8) the vehicle is parked within the right-of-way of a controlled-access highway or
within the traveled portion of a public street when travel is allowed there;

(9) the vehicle is unlawfully parked in a zone that is restricted by posted signs to use by fire, police, public safety, or emergency vehicles;

(10) the vehicle is unlawfully parked on property at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport owned by the Metropolitan Airports Commission;

(11) a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that the vehicle is stolen, or that the vehicle constitutes or contains evidence of a crime and impoundment is reasonably necessary to obtain or preserve the evidence;

(12) the driver, operator, or person in physical control of the vehicle is taken into custody and the vehicle is impounded for safekeeping;

(13) a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that the owner, operator, or person in physical control of the vehicle has failed to respond to five or more citations for parking or traffic offenses;

(14) the vehicle is unlawfully parked in a zone that is restricted by posted signs to use by taxicabs;

(15) the vehicle is unlawfully parked in a zone that is restricted by posted signs for use as a loading or unloading area for valet parking services;

~~(15)~~ (16) the vehicle is unlawfully parked and prevents egress by a lawfully parked vehicle;

~~(16)~~ (17) the vehicle is parked, on a school day during prohibited hours, in a school zone on a public street where official signs prohibit parking; or

~~(17)~~ (18) the vehicle is a junk, abandoned, or unauthorized vehicle, as defined in section 168B.011, and subject to immediate removal under chapter 168B.