

CHAPTER 273--H.F.No. 2995

An act relating to public safety; towing; clarifying towing order requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168B.035, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 168B.035, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Towing order required.** (a) A towing authority may not tow a motor vehicle from public property unless a peace officer or parking enforcement officer has prepared, in addition to the parking citation, a written towing report describing the motor vehicle and the reasons for towing. ~~The report must be signed by the officer and the tow driver.~~

(b) Within the Department of Transportation's eight-county metropolitan district, an authorized employee of the department's freeway service patrol may order a tow from a trunk highway after preparing a written towing report provided by the Minnesota State Patrol. A citation need not be issued before the employee orders a tow.

(c) Except in cases where an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling public exists, the department employee shall ensure that if the tower requested to remove the vehicle by the owner arrives before the tower requested by the department, the tower requested by the owner is given the opportunity to actually conduct and complete all towing operations requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 15, 2014

Signed by the governor May 16, 2014, 10:32 a.m.