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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; expanding impounded vehicle charges to include recovery
1.3 and storage of a motor vehicle and its cargo and accident site cleanup; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168B.045; 168B.07, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168B.045, is amended to read:

1.7 **168B.045 TOWED MOTOR VEHICLES.**

1.8 A person who tows and stores a motor vehicle at the request of a law enforcement officer
1.9 ~~shall~~ must have a lien on the motor vehicle for the value of the ~~storage and towing and~~
1.10 recovery of the vehicle and cargo, storage of the vehicle and cargo, and accident site cleanup,
1.11 and must have the right to retain possession of the motor vehicle and cargo, subject to the
1.12 right to retrieve contents under section 168B.07, subdivision 3, until the lien is lawfully
1.13 discharged. This section does not apply to tows of vehicles parked in violation of snow
1.14 emergency regulations.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Payment of charges.** The owner or any lienholder of an impounded
1.17 vehicle ~~shall~~ must have a right to reclaim such vehicle from the unit of government or
1.18 impound lot operator taking it into custody upon payment of all charges for towing and
1.19 storage charges recovery of the vehicle and cargo, storage of the vehicle and cargo, and
1.20 accident site cleanup resulting from taking the vehicle and cargo into custody within 15 or
1.21 45 days, as applicable under section 168B.051, subdivision 1, 1a, or 2, after the date of the
1.22 notice required by section 168B.06.