

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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01/23/2023	349	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation
03/01/2023	1164	Comm report: To pass as amended
	1181	Second reading
	11498	Rule 47, returned to Transportation See HF2887

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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; expanding impounded vehicle charges to include recovery

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and storage of a motor vehicle and its cargo and accident site cleanup; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168B.045; 168B.07, subdivision 1.

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

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

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

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A person who tows and stores a motor vehicle at the request of a law enforcement officer

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~~shall~~ must have a lien on the motor vehicle for the value of the ~~storage and~~ towing and

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recovery of the vehicle and cargo, storage of the vehicle and cargo, and accident site cleanup,

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and must have the right to retain possession of the motor vehicle and cargo, subject to the

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right to retrieve contents under section 168B.07, subdivision 3, until the lien is lawfully

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discharged. This section does not apply to tows of vehicles parked in violation of snow

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emergency regulations.

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

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Subdivision 1. **Payment of charges.** Except as provided in this subdivision, the owner

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or any lienholder of an impounded vehicle ~~shall~~ must have a right to reclaim such vehicle

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from the unit of government or impound lot operator taking it into custody upon payment

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of all charges for towing and ~~storage charges~~ recovery of the vehicle and cargo, storage of

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the vehicle and cargo, and accident site cleanup resulting from taking the vehicle and cargo

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into custody within 15 or 45 days, as applicable under section 168B.051, subdivision 1, 1a,

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or 2, after the date of the notice required by section 168B.06. The registered owner of a

2.1 vehicle who is homeless or receives relief based on need, as defined in section 168B.07,  
2.2 subdivision 3, is not liable for charges for recovery of cargo, storage of cargo, or accident  
2.3 site cleanup unless the costs are covered by the owner's motor vehicle insurance. For purposes  
2.4 of this subdivision, "cargo" means commercial goods or private property being transported  
2.5 by motor vehicle, as defined in section 168A.01, subdivision 24, or trailer, as defined in  
2.6 section 168.002, subdivision 35.