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H.B. No. 1966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to increasing the civil and criminal penalties for certain
3 violations committed by a towing company or a parking facility
4 owner.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 684.084(c), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) A towing company or parking facility owner who
9 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates this chapter is
10 liable to the owner or operator of the vehicle that is the subject
11 of the violation for \$500 [~~\$300~~] plus three times the amount of fees
12 assessed in the vehicle's removal, towing, or storage.

13 SECTION 2. Section 684.085, Transportation Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 684.085. VIOLATION OF CHAPTER; FINE. A violation of
16 this chapter is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 [~~\$200~~] or
17 more than \$1,000 [~~\$500~~].

18 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 a violation that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.
20 A violation that occurs before the effective date of this Act is
21 covered by the law in effect when the violation occurred, and the
22 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
23 this section, a violation occurred before the effective date of
24 this Act if any element of the violation occurred before that date.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.