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S.B. No. 46

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain fees charged for the impoundment and storage of a recovered stolen vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2303.155, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (h), the ~~The~~ operator of a vehicle storage facility or governmental vehicle storage facility may charge the owner of a vehicle stored or parked at the facility:

(1) a notification fee set in a reasonable amount for providing notice under this subchapter, including notice under Section 2303.154(c);

(2) an impoundment fee of \$20 for any action that:

(A) is taken by or at the direction of the owner or operator of the facility; and

(B) is necessary to preserve, protect, or service a vehicle stored or parked at the facility;

(3) a daily storage fee of:

(A) not less than \$5 and not more than \$20 for each day or part of a day the vehicle is stored at the facility if the vehicle is not longer than 25 feet; or

(B) \$35 for each day or part of a day the vehicle

1 is stored at the facility if the vehicle is longer than 25 feet; and

2 (4) any fee that is required to be submitted to a law
3 enforcement agency, the agency's authorized agent, or a
4 governmental entity.

5 (h) The operator of a vehicle storage facility or
6 governmental vehicle storage facility may not charge a fee under
7 Subsection (b) to the owner of a vehicle stored or parked at the
8 facility as a result of recovery of the vehicle after being stolen.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.