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H.B. No. 548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the impoundment of certain motor vehicles involved in  
3 the commission of the offense of racing on a highway.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.420, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

7 (i) This subsection applies only to a motor vehicle used in  
8 the commission of an offense under this section that results in an  
9 accident with property damage or personal injury. A peace officer  
10 shall require the vehicle be taken to the nearest garage or to a  
11 garage designated or maintained by the governmental agency that  
12 employs the officer. The owner of a motor vehicle that is removed  
13 or stored under this subsection is liable for all removal and  
14 storage fees incurred and is not entitled to take possession of the  
15 vehicle until those fees are paid.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
17 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
18 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
19 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
20 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
21 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed  
22 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense  
23 was committed before that date.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

