

1-1 By: Pickett (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 548  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2009;  
1-3 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2009, reported  
1-5 favorably, as amended, by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Carona

1-8 Amend the H.B. No. 548 in Section 1 of the bill, on page 1,  
1-9 line 25, immediately following the word "facility" by adding the  
1-10 following:

1-11 "unless the vehicle is seized as evidence, in which case the  
1-12 vehicle may be taken to a storage facility as designated by the  
1-13 peace officer involved"

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the impoundment of certain motor vehicles involved in  
1-17 the commission of the offense of racing on a highway.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 545.420, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-20 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-21 (i) This subsection applies only to a motor vehicle used in  
1-22 the commission of an offense under this section that results in an  
1-23 accident with property damage or personal injury. A peace officer  
1-24 shall require the vehicle to be taken to the nearest licensed  
1-25 vehicle storage facility. The owner of a motor vehicle that is  
1-26 removed or stored under this subsection is liable for all removal  
1-27 and storage fees incurred and is not entitled to take possession of  
1-28 the vehicle until those fees are paid.

1-29 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-30 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-31 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-32 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
1-33 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
1-34 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed  
1-35 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense  
1-36 was committed before that date.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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