

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2571 (Gonzales/Hinojosa)

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S.R. No. 1071

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That Senate Rule 12.03 be  
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the  
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House  
5 Bill 2571 (the licensing and regulation of towing companies and  
6 vehicle storage facilities) to consider and take action on the  
7 following matters:

8 (1) Senate Rule 12.03(2) is suspended to permit the  
9 committee to omit text not in disagreement in proposed Section  
10 2303.155(h), Occupations Code, to read as follows:

11 (h) The operator of a vehicle storage facility or  
12 governmental vehicle storage facility may not charge a fee under  
13 Subsection (b) to the owner of a vehicle stored or parked at the  
14 facility as a result of recovery of the vehicle after being stolen  
15 if the vehicle owner provides the operator with a copy of the police  
16 report or similar report prepared by any law enforcement agency  
17 showing that the vehicle was reported stolen.

18 Explanation: This change is necessary to remove the  
19 prohibition on certain fees.

20 (2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the  
21 committee to add text not included in either the house or senate  
22 version of the bill by adding amended Section 2308.208, Occupations  
23 Code, to read as follows:

24 SECTION 8. Section 2308.208, Occupations Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2           Sec. 2308.208. MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY ORDINANCE REGULATING  
3 UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES. The governing body of a [A] municipality or  
4 the commissioners court of a county may adopt an ordinance that is  
5 identical to this chapter or that imposes additional requirements  
6 that exceed the minimum standards of this chapter but may not adopt  
7 an ordinance conflicting with this chapter.

8           Explanation: This change is necessary to authorize counties  
9 to adopt ordinances regulating unauthorized vehicles and towing of  
10 motor vehicles.