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H.B. No. 1984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an insurance company's access to and removal of a motor vehicle stored in a vehicle storage facility.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 2303, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 2303.1601 to read as follows:

Sec. 2303.1601. ACCESS TO AND REMOVAL OF VEHICLE BY INSURANCE COMPANY. (a) A vehicle storage facility may not refuse to allow access to a vehicle for an inspection by, or refuse to release a vehicle to, an insurance company that is authorized by the owner of the vehicle to inspect or remove the vehicle under a claim of loss on the vehicle.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules specifying the documentation that an insurance company must present to a vehicle storage facility when seeking access to a vehicle described by Subsection (a) to inspect or remove the vehicle.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules to implement Section 2303.1601, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.