

AN ACT

relating to the forms of payment that the operator of a vehicle storage facility must accept.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2303.159, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The operator of a vehicle storage facility shall accept each of the following forms of payment [~~by an electronic check, debit card, or credit card~~] for any charge associated with delivery or storage of a vehicle:

(1) cash;

(2) debit card; and

(3) credit card.

(a-1) The operator of a vehicle storage facility shall conspicuously post a sign that states: "This vehicle storage facility must accept payment by cash, [~~an electronic check~~] credit card, and [~~or~~] debit card for any fee or charge associated with delivery or storage of a vehicle." The operator of a vehicle storage facility may not refuse to release a vehicle based on the inability of the facility to accept payment by [~~electronic check~~] debit card[~~7~~] or credit card of a fee or charge associated with delivery or storage of the vehicle unless the operator, through no fault of the operator, is unable to accept the [~~electronic check~~]

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1 debit card[~~7~~] or credit card because of a power outage or a machine
2 malfunction.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 804 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 804 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor