

1-1 By: Garcia S.B. No. 1502
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 23, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2; April 23, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 | X | | | |
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1502 By: Ellis

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to county regulation of the removal and storage in certain
 1-22 counties of unlawfully stopped motor vehicles.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 545.306, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 545.306. REGULATION OF TOWING COMPANIES IN CERTAIN
 1-27 COUNTIES. (a) The commissioners court of a county with a
 1-28 population of 3.3 million or more shall by order [~~ordinance~~]
 1-29 provide for the licensing of or the granting of a permit to a person
 1-30 to remove or store a vehicle authorized by Section 545.305 to be
 1-31 removed in an unincorporated area of the county.

1-32 (b) The commissioners court of a county with a population of
 1-33 3.3 million or more may by order provide for a person to remove or
 1-34 store a vehicle that is authorized by Section 545.305 to be removed
 1-35 and is located in the corporate boundaries of a municipality in the
 1-36 county only if the county has entered into an interlocal agreement
 1-37 with the municipality for that purpose.

1-38 (c) An order under Subsection (a) or (b) [The ordinance]
 1-39 must include rules to ensure the protection of the public and the
 1-40 safe and efficient operation of towing and storage services in the
 1-41 county and may not regulate or restrict the use of lighting
 1-42 equipment more than the extent allowed by state and federal law.
 1-43 The sheriff shall determine the rules included in the order
 1-44 [ordinance] with the review and consent of the commissioners court.

1-45 (d) For an order under Subsection (a), the [(b) The]
 1-46 commissioners court shall set the fee for the license or permit in
 1-47 an amount that reasonably offsets the costs of enforcing the order
 1-48 [ordinance]. The commissioners court shall use each license or
 1-49 permit fee to pay salaries and expenses of the sheriff's office for
 1-50 conducting inspections to determine compliance with the order
 1-51 [ordinance] and laws relating to dealers in scrap metal and
 1-52 salvage.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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