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H.B. No. 1121

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the recovery of property from certain vehicles stored  
3 at a vehicle storage facility or governmental vehicle storage  
4 facility.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 2303, Occupations Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 2303.162 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2303.162. RECOVERY OF PROPERTY FROM CERTAIN STORED  
9 VEHICLES. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Governmental vehicle storage facility" means a  
11 garage, parking lot, or other facility that is:

12 (A) owned by a governmental entity; and

13 (B) used to store or park at least 10 vehicles  
14 each year.

15 (2) "Motor carrier" has the meaning assigned by  
16 Section 643.001, Transportation Code.

17 (b) The operator of a vehicle storage facility or  
18 governmental vehicle storage facility shall allow the owner of  
19 property that is left in a vehicle stored at the facility to recover  
20 the property if:

21 (1) at the time the vehicle was towed to the facility  
22 for storage:

23 (A) the vehicle was operated by a motor carrier;

24 and

1                   (B) the property was transported under an  
2 agreement between the property owner and the motor carrier; and

3                   (2) the property owner demonstrates ownership of the  
4 property.

5                   (c) The commission by rule shall determine the documents  
6 necessary to establish a person's ownership of property under this  
7 section.

8                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.