

AN ACT

relating to providing notice of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage facility by publication on a third-party Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2303.152, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) Notice to the registered owner and the primary lienholder of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage facility may be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the vehicle is stored or on a publicly available Internet website maintained by a department-approved third party if:

(1) the vehicle is registered in another state;

(2) the operator of the storage facility submits to the governmental entity responsible for maintaining the motor vehicle title and registration database for the state in which the vehicle is registered a request for information relating to the identity of the registered owner and any lienholder of record that is either:

(A) written; or

(B) electronic, through the governmental entity's secure access portal;

(3) the identity of the registered owner cannot be

determined;

(4) the registration does not contain an address for the registered owner; or

(5) the operator of the storage facility cannot reasonably determine the identity and address of each lienholder.

(e) Notice to the registered owner and the primary lienholder of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage facility may be provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the vehicle is stored or on a publicly available Internet website maintained by a department-approved third party if:

(1) the vehicle does not display a license plate or a vehicle inspection certificate indicating the state of registration;

(2) the identity of the registered owner cannot reasonably be determined by the operator of the storage facility; or

(3) the operator of the storage facility cannot reasonably determine the identity and address of each lienholder.

(f) The department shall include on the department's Internet website a link to any Internet website maintained by a department-approved third party where notice may be provided under Subsection (a) or (e).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 3928

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3928 was passed by the House on May 2, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3928 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor