

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1832 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY PRESTON AND PETRARCA, JUNE 21, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 21, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the removal of unattended  
3 vehicles, for the notice on abandoned vehicles and for the  
4 disposition of unclaimed vehicles.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 3353(c), 7305(b)(3) and 7307 of Title 75  
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 3353. Prohibitions in specified places.

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11 (c) Property owner may remove vehicle.--The owner or other  
12 person in charge or possession of any property on which a  
13 vehicle is parked or left unattended in violation of the  
14 provisions of subsection (b) may remove or have removed the  
15 vehicle at the reasonable expense of the owner of the vehicle.  
16 [Such] Prior to removal of the vehicle, the condition of the  
17 vehicle must be certified by the police department or by  
18 personnel designated by ordinance of the municipality on a form

1 prescribed by the department. The person who removes or has  
2 removed a vehicle left parked or unattended in violation of the  
3 provisions of subsection (b) shall have a lien against the owner  
4 of the vehicle[, ] in the amount of the reasonable value of the  
5 costs of removing the vehicle plus the costs of storage. Any  
6 city, borough, incorporated town or township may, by ordinance,  
7 provide for rates to be charged for removal of vehicles and for  
8 municipal regulation of authorized towing services. If storage  
9 charges are not set by the municipality, a maximum of \$8 per day  
10 may be charged.

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12 § 7305. Notice to owner and lienholders of abandoned vehicles.

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14 (b) Contents of notice.--The notice shall:

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16 (3) Inform the owner and any lienholders of their right  
17 to reclaim the vehicle within 30 days after the date of the  
18 notice at the place where the vehicle is being held by the  
19 salvor, upon payment of all towing and storage charges and  
20 the fee authorized in section 7306 (relating to payment of  
21 costs upon reclaiming vehicle). The 30-day period shall be  
22 reduced to 20 days if there is no lienholder and the  
23 provisions of section 3352(d) (relating to removal of vehicle  
24 by or at direction of police) were followed.

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26 § 7307. Authorization for disposal of unclaimed vehicles.

27 The department shall, after the expiration of 30 days from  
28 the date of notice sent by certified mail to the registered  
29 owner and all lienholders of record, 20 days after the date of  
30 notice sent by certified mail only to the registered owner or 30

1 days after publication of notice, [where] as applicable, and  
2 upon receipt of a written statement from the holder of the  
3 vehicle that the abandoned vehicle has not been reclaimed by the  
4 owner or lienholder within the [30-day] applicable period,  
5 authorize the disposal of the abandoned vehicle in accordance  
6 with the provisions of this chapter.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.