

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5276

C 20 L 91

SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Requiring notice for impounded vehicle disposition.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, Moore, Thorsness and Oke).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

BACKGROUND:

Any vehicle impounded by a registered tow truck operator is considered an impound. A tow truck operator who impounds a vehicle is responsible for notifying the legal and registered owners. A registered owner who has completed a seller's report is relieved of liability of future claims against that vehicle.

SUMMARY:

Current statutory language relating to law enforcement release of vehicle owner information to a registered tow truck operator is revised. The term "immediately" is changed to within 6-12 hours of the impound.

Language is clarified on the filing of a seller's report to ensure that someone who has lawfully filed a seller's report is not liable for towing and storage fees.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

| | | |
|--------|----|---|
| Senate | 46 | 0 |
| House | 92 | 0 |

EFFECTIVE: July 28, 1991