
SENATE BILL 5652

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By Senators Fortunato, Rivers, Becker, Hawkins, Brown, Hobbs, Warnick, Honeyford, Wilson, L., Short, and Palumbo

1 AN ACT Relating to personal belonging disposal; and amending RCW
2 46.55.090.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.55.090 and 1995 c 360 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) All vehicles impounded shall be taken to the nearest storage
7 location that has been inspected and is listed on the application
8 filed with the department.

9 (2) All vehicles shall be handled and returned in substantially
10 the same condition as they existed before being towed.

11 (3) All personal belongings and contents in the vehicle, with the
12 exception of those items of personal property that are registered or
13 titled with the department, shall be kept intact, and shall be
14 returned to the vehicle's owner or agent during normal business hours
15 upon request and presentation of a driver's license or other
16 sufficient identification. ~~((Personal belongings, with the exception
17 of those items of personal property that are registered or titled
18 with the department, shall not be sold at auction to fulfill a lien
19 against the vehicle.~~

20 ~~(4) All personal belongings, with the exception of those items of
21 personal property that are registered or titled with the department,~~

1 ~~not claimed before the auction shall be turned over to the local law~~
2 ~~enforcement agency to which the initial notification of impoundment~~
3 ~~was given. Such personal belongings shall be disposed of pursuant to~~
4 ~~chapter 63.32 or 63.40 RCW.~~

5 ~~(5))~~ (4) Tow truck drivers shall have a Washington state
6 driver's license endorsed for the appropriate classification under
7 chapter 46.25 RCW or the equivalent issued by another state.

8 ~~((6))~~ (5) Any person who shows proof of ownership or written
9 authorization from the impounded vehicle's registered or legal owner
10 or the vehicle's insurer may view the vehicle without charge during
11 normal business hours.

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