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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 892 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, STEFANO AND DUSH, AUGUST 23, 2023

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
AUGUST 23, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.990, No.110), entitled "An  
2 act providing for standards for towing and for violations,"  
3 further providing for standards for tow truck operators and  
4 towing storage facilities.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3(g) of the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.990,  
8 No.110), known as the Towing and Towing Storage Facility  
9 Standards Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a  
10 subsection to read:

11 Section 3. Standards for tow truck operators and towing storage  
12 facilities.

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14 (g) Storage fee prohibited.--Unless law enforcement has  
15 requested that a vehicle be held, a tow truck operator or towing  
16 storage facility shall not charge a storage fee for any period  
17 during which it has refused reasonable access during posted  
18 normal business hours as required in subsection (e) or has  
19 refused to allow authorized inspection of the vehicle under

1 inspection rights in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1799.4 (relating to  
2 examination of vehicle repairs) or section 11 of the act of  
3 December 29, 1972 (P.L.1713, No.367), known as the Motor Vehicle  
4 Physical Damage Appraiser Act. A vehicle held at the request of  
5 law enforcement shall not accrue additional fees or charges  
6 after the vehicle has been in storage for 60 days regardless of  
7 the actual length of time the vehicle has been held by the  
8 towing storage facility.

9 (h) Notice.--A towing storage facility shall make a good  
10 faith effort to notify the owner, lessor or lienholder of a  
11 stored vehicle of the stored vehicle's location within five  
12 business days of receipt of the vehicle at the towing storage  
13 facility. If a vehicle remains in storage for 60 days, a towing  
14 storage facility shall make a second good faith effort to notify  
15 the owner, lessor or lienholder of the stored vehicle of the  
16 stored vehicle's location. Written correspondence sent via first  
17 class mail to the address registered with the Department of  
18 Transportation shall satisfy the notice requirements under this  
19 subsection.

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