

Chapter 601

(Senate Bill 149)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Towing or Removal – Insurer of Record – Electronic Notification

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner; and generally relating to notification of the insurer of record after towing or removing a vehicle from a parking lot.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 21–10A–04(a)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

21–10A–04.

(a) Unless otherwise set by local law, a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from a parking lot:

(3) (i) Shall notify the owner[, the insurer of record,] and, except as provided in item (ii) of this item, **THE INSURER OF RECORD AND** any secured party by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first–class mail within 7 days, exclusive of days that the towing business is closed, after towing or removing the vehicle, and shall provide the same information required in a notice to a police department under item (2) of this subsection; and

(ii) May provide notice required under item (i) of this item to any secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** electronically, if that form of notice is agreed to by the tower and the secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** in writing or by electronic communication;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.