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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 18, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for
3 removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3355. Removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

9 (a) Evidence of violation.--In cities of the first class, if
10 a vehicle is found in violation of the provisions of this
11 subchapter, prior to the removal of the vehicle, a towing and
12 storage agent shall take digital photographs that clearly show
13 all of the following:

14 (1) The vehicle's license plate.

15 (2) The violation for which the vehicle is being towed
16 or removed.

17 (3) The posted sign, if any, identifying that
18 unauthorized stopping, standing or parking is prohibited

1 where the vehicle was found and that unauthorized vehicles  
2 will be towed or removed.

3 (b) Towing and storage agent responsibilities.--Prior to  
4 accepting payment for the towing and storage of a vehicle, UPON <--  
5 REQUEST OF THE OWNER OR LIENHOLDER OF THE VEHICLE, the towing  
6 and storage agent shall provide, without charge, a printed copy  
7 of the photographs to the owner or lienholder of a vehicle when  
8 the owner or lienholder claims the vehicle. Photographs shall be  
9 retained by the towing company for at least 60 days or until the  
10 vehicle is claimed, whichever is later.

11 (c) Enforcement.--The parking authority in a city of the  
12 first class shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement  
13 this section. If deemed necessary, the parking authority may  
14 establish penalties for towing and storage agents who violate  
15 the provisions of this section.

16 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
18 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Towing and storage agent." In a city of the first class,  
20 the parking authority or the parking authority's authorized  
21 agent. This term includes a person authorized to engage in the  
22 business of operating a wrecker or motor vehicle designed or  
23 constructed and used for the towing of abandoned or disabled  
24 vehicles.

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