

SENATE BILL 1340

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to written authorization required for towing
or storage of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-16-112, is hereby amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part or of title 66, chapter 19, part 1, in order for a garagekeeper or a towing firm to tow or to store a vehicle, the garagekeeper or towing firm shall obtain an express written authorization for towing and storage of each vehicle from a law enforcement officer with appropriate jurisdiction, or from the owner of the vehicle, or from the owner, or the authorized agent of the owner of the private property from which the vehicle is to be towed. Such agent shall not be a garage keeper or towing firm or any employee of a garage keeper or towing firm. The authorization shall include all of the information required by § 66-19-103(d). In addition to any other penalty provided by this part or by title 66, chapter 19, part 1, a violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.