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SUMMARY

- Exempts a motor vehicle lienholder from paying towing and storage expenses incurred as a result of a law enforcement-ordered tow if the lienholder does not reclaim that motor vehicle.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Lienholder exemption for towing expenses

The bill exempts a motor vehicle lienholder from paying the towing and storage expenses and charges that are incurred as a result of a law enforcement-ordered tow if the lienholder does not reclaim the motor vehicle.¹ Under current law, both the motor vehicle owner and any lienholder of that motor vehicle are mutually responsible for those towing and storage expenses and charges.²

If neither party reclaims the motor vehicle within ten days of the notice to reclaim being sent, the law enforcement agency may proceed to dispose of the motor vehicle through public auction, a motor vehicle salvage dealer/scrap metal processing facility, or through the towing service or storage facility in possession of the motor vehicle.³

In certain circumstances, the value of a motor vehicle towed by order of law enforcement is not worth the time, effort, and cost for a lienholder of that motor vehicle to retrieve it. In those circumstances, the bill relieves the lienholder of any ongoing liability for the towing and storage

¹ R.C. 4513.61(G).

² R.C. 4513.61(C)(2).

³ R.C. 4513.61(D); R.C. 4513.62, not in the bill.

charges associated with that motor vehicle; thus, leaving the liability entirely on the owner of the motor vehicle.

HISTORY

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