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Version: As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Patton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has little, if any, effect on costs to the state or political subdivisions. The bill prohibits a private towing service from knowingly employing or compensating a spotter to identify vehicles not authorized to park in designated parking areas. Under the bill, a spotter is a person, other than a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of duty, whose task is to report the presence of unauthorized parked vehicles for purposes of towing, removal, or impounding. A violation of this prohibition would be a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or up to 60 days in jail. Although processing cases for violations could increase caseloads and associated costs for municipal courts, because the number of violations prosecuted under this violation is likely to be few, costs to courts would be minimal at most. Any costs could be at least partially offset by the imposition of fines in cases that result in convictions. It is unlikely that any convictions would result in jail sentences, thus county sheriffs would not incur costs to incarcerate additional prisoners.