

HB 1329 -- Impounding Vehicles

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This bill requires that in addition to any other penalty imposed upon a person convicted of driving while intoxicated the court may order that the convicted person's motor vehicle be impounded or immobilized for a period of one year and the convicted person pay all towing, impoundment, and storage fees or other immobilization costs.

The court must, prior to ordering a vehicle impounded, consider:

(1) Whether the impoundment or immobilization of a vehicle will result in the loss of employment by a convicted person or a member of the person's family; and

(2) Whether the ability of the convicted person or a member of the convicted person's family to attend school or obtain medical care would be impaired.

If an owner of an impounded motor vehicle refuses to pay any towing, impoundment, storage, or other fees related to the impoundment or immobilization or fails to take possession of the vehicle within 30 days, the vehicle will be deemed abandoned and be disposed of as required by law.

The bill also contains provisions regarding the removal of personal property from a vehicle or leased vehicle that has been impounded or immobilized.