

HB 984 -- Impounding Vehicles

Sponsor: Harris (23)

This bill allows a court to order a person's vehicle impounded for up to one year as part of a penalty for driving while intoxicated. The offender will be responsible for all costs associated with towing and storing the vehicle. Before ordering impoundment, the court must examine whether the impoundment would result in the loss of employment, an inability to attend school, or an inability to obtain medical care for the offender or a member of the offender's family. An owner who refuses to pay the impoundment fees or who fails to retrieve the vehicle within 30 days after the impoundment period will be deemed to have abandoned the vehicle. When the vehicle is being leased and the lease expires in less than a year, the impoundment period terminates at the conclusion of the lease.