
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 332 (File 368, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN VEHICLE STORAGE AGREEMENTS AS A PRECONDITION TO VEHICLE TOWING.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits wreckers from requiring owners of damaged vehicles to sign a contract for storage as a part of the towing consideration. Existing law already prohibits wreckers from requiring vehicle owners to sign (1) a repair contract as part of the towing consideration or (2) a repair contract or authorization to estimate repairs until the tow job is complete. The bill additionally specifies that these prohibitions do not limit a damaged vehicle's owner and a wrecker from entering into repair or storage agreements after the tow job is complete.

*Senate Amendment "A" (1) broadens the prohibition in the underlying bill to prohibit wreckers from requiring that a vehicle's owner sign an agreement for any storage, rather than more than 24 hours of storage, before the tow job is complete and (2) specifies that these prohibitions do not limit the owner and the wrecker from entering into contracts after the tow job is complete.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 10 (03/24/2022)