

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB867

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Private towing; one-hour limitation.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation prohibits private towing from a parking lot or area where there is no fee for parking within one hour of the vehicle's being parked. The bill creates exemptions for vehicles parked in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by law or vehicles parked in residential parking or in spaces reserved for hotel or motel guests. The bill provides that a person in violation of this requirement is civilly liable to the owner of the vehicle or his agent for double the amount of the towing and storage fees incurred. The bill requires local ordinances authorizing private towing to contain the same requirements.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is responsible for statutory oversight of individuals who drive a tow truck in the Commonwealth, and DCJS is also responsible for providing technical assistance to such constituents. DCJS reports that no fiscal impact is expected on agency operations as a result of the proposed legislation. The fiscal impact on localities cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.