

HOUSE BILL 176

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CF SB 149

By: **Delegate Foley**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Towing or Removal – Insurer of Record – Electronic Notification**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle
4 from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice
5 is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner; and generally
6 relating to notification of the insurer of record after towing or removing a vehicle
7 from a parking lot.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–10A–04(a)(3)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–10A–04.

17 (a) Unless otherwise set by local law, a person who undertakes the towing or
18 removal of a vehicle from a parking lot:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) (i) Shall notify the owner[, the insurer of record,] and, except as
 2 provided in item (ii) of this item, **THE INSURER OF RECORD AND** any secured party by
 3 certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail within 7 days, exclusive of days
 4 that the towing business is closed, after towing or removing the vehicle, and shall provide
 5 the same information required in a notice to a police department under item (2) of this
 6 subsection; and

7 (ii) May provide notice required under item (i) of this item to any
 8 secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** electronically, if that form of notice is agreed to
 9 by the tower and the secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** in writing or by electronic
 10 communication;

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 12 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.