
Transportation Committee

HB 1414

Brief Description: Concerning the removal of vehicles by a regional transit authority when obstructing the operation of high capacity transportation vehicles or jeopardizing public safety.

Sponsors: Representatives Mena, Fitzgibbon, Bronoske, Riccelli, Barkis and Reed.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows Regional Transit Authority (RTA) representatives to direct an immediate tow of unauthorized vehicles on or within 10 feet of an RTA right-of-way.
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Hearing Date: 1/30/23

Staff: Michael Hirsch (786-7195).

Background:

Unauthorized vehicles may be impounded by a registered tow truck operator at the direction of a law enforcement officer or other public official with jurisdiction if the vehicle is on public property, or at the direction of the property owner or an agent. A vehicle is deemed unauthorized if it is left unattended in certain public or private locations. A vehicle is immediately considered an unauthorized vehicle and subject to removal if it is:

- determined by a police officer to be an accident or traffic hazard;
- in a publicly owned or controlled parking facility with proper posted signage;
- on residential property;
- on private, nonresidential property with proper posted signage; or
- during the 2021-23 fiscal biennium within the right-of-way used by a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) for high capacity transportation where the vehicle constitutes an

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obstruction to the operation of high capacity transportation vehicles or jeopardizes public safety.

An authorized RTA representative may direct an impound for an unauthorized vehicle in the right-of-way used by a RTA in where the vehicle constitutes an obstruction to the operation of high capacity transportation vehicles or jeopardizes public safety.

Summary of Bill:

A vehicle is considered an unauthorized vehicle and is subject to immediate removal by a registered tow truck operator if it is left unattended on or within 10 feet of either side of a right-of-way used by a RTA for high capacity transportation where the vehicle obstructs the operation of a high capacity transportation system vehicle or jeopardizes public safety. An authorized representative of a RTA may request an impound for this type of unauthorized vehicle.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.