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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; providing for recovery of costs of impound lot  
1.3 operators; establishing abandoned vehicle account; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2006, sections 115A.908, subdivision 2; 168B.087, subdivision 1; proposing  
1.5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168B.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115A.908, subdivision 2, is amended to  
1.8 read:

1.9 Subd. 2. **Deposit of revenue.** (a) From July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2007, revenue  
1.10 collected shall be credited to the general fund.

1.11 (b) After June 30, 2007, revenue collected shall be credited to the ~~environmental~~  
1.12 ~~fund~~ abandoned vehicle account established in section 168B.14.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168B.087, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.14 Subdivision 1. **Deficiency claim.** (a) The public or nonpublic impound lot operator  
1.15 has a deficiency claim against the registered owner of the vehicle for the reasonable costs  
1.16 of providing notice to the registered owner and providing services ~~provided~~ in the towing,  
1.17 storage, ~~and~~ inspection, and further transport, if any, of the vehicle minus the proceeds of  
1.18 the sale or auction.

1.19 (b) A claim for the costs of providing notice includes the actual postage and  
1.20 publication expenses and the costs incurred to determine the registered owner's identity  
1.21 and mailing address.

1.22 (c) A claim for usual, nonextraordinary towing costs may not exceed \$..... per  
1.23 vehicle towed.

1.24 ~~(b)~~ (d) The claim for storage costs may not exceed the costs of:

2.1 (1) ~~25~~ .. days storage, for a vehicle described in section 168B.051, subdivision  
2.2 1, not to exceed the normal fee, up to \$..... per day; and

2.3 (2) ~~55~~ .. days storage, for a vehicle described in section 168B.051, subdivision 2, not  
2.4 to exceed the normal fee, up to \$..... per day..

2.5 (e) A claim for transporting an unclaimed vehicle to a disposal facility may not  
2.6 exceed \$..... per vehicle transported.

2.7 **Sec. 3. [168B.14] ABANDONED VEHICLE ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 A special account, to be known as the abandoned vehicle account, is created in  
2.9 the special revenue fund consisting of the proceeds of the motor vehicle transfer fee  
2.10 credited to this account under section 115A.908, subdivision 2. Money in the account  
2.11 must be distributed as follows:

2.12 (a) Ten percent of the proceeds is annually appropriated to the commissioner of  
2.13 public safety for the department's costs of rulemaking and administering its duties under  
2.14 this chapter.

2.15 (b) Ninety percent is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public safety  
2.16 to be disbursed as compensation payments to impound lot operators for valid deficiency  
2.17 claims allowed by the commissioner pursuant to rule. The commissioner shall adopt rules  
2.18 to implement and administer this paragraph.