



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 750

HOUSE BILL NO. 3023

By Representative Dean

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2839

By Senator Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 16, Part 1, relative to vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-16-105, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (g) as subdivision (g)(1) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(2) A garagekeeper or towing firm that does not verify ownership of a motor vehicle within three (3) business days after taking possession of such motor vehicle pursuant to this section or that does not notify by mail the owner of such motor vehicle within six (6) days after taking possession shall not be entitled to receive more than six (6) days of storage-related expenses. A garagekeeper or towing firm that is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have failed upon presentment of payment for towing and storage expenses to release a motor vehicle shall be subject to civil liability to a vehicle owner, secured creditor, lessor or lienholder who prevails in an action brought under this section for reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred by the person instituting the action.

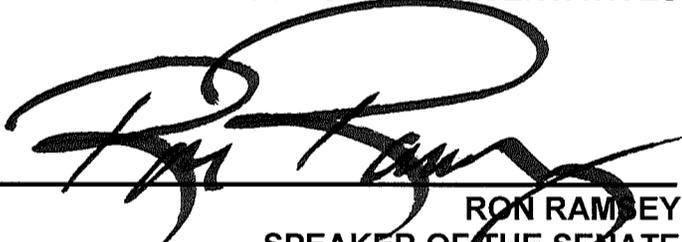
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 2, 2012

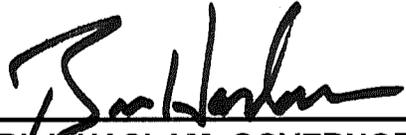


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR