

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3481 (Senate companion: S.2314)

TITLE: An Act relative to the maximum storage charges on motor vehicles involuntarily towed

SPONSOR: Representative Daniel M. Donahue

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.4544 (new draft of H.3692), heard by TUE committee; reported favorably to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling; ordered for a third reading; no further action taken.
2021-2022: H.3290 (filed by Rep. Donahue), heard by TUE committee; reported favorably to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling; placed in Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading; no further action taken.
2019-2020: H.2143 (filed by Rep. Vega), heard by committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; ordered to a third reading; no further action taken.
2017-2018: H.2509 (filed by Rep. Vega), heard by committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; no further action taken.

CURRENT LAW:

Section 6B of Chapter 159B outlines the Department of Public Utilities' authority related to the towing of motor vehicles. It sets a maximum daily charge for the storage of vehicles that have been involuntarily towed or transported by police or public authority.

SUMMARY:

This bill increases the maximum storage charge for non-commercial passenger motor vehicles (max. capacity of nine people) from \$35/day to \$49/day.