

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY**

**BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H.3485

**TITLE:** An Act relative to tow lien reform

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Kimberly N. Ferguson

**COMMITTEE:** Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

**HEARING DATE:** May 6, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** 2023-2024: H.3698, reported favorably and referred to House Steering; ordered to a third reading; no further action taken.  
2021-2022: H.3299 (filed by Rep. Ferguson), reported favorably by committee to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling; reported that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for a second reading; no further action taken.  
2019-2020: H.2911 (filed by Rep. Nangle), 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.3529 (filed by Rep. Mahoney), heard by committee; accompanied a study order, see H.4651.

**CURRENT LAW:**

Section 6B of Chapter 159B establishes maximum charges and certain rules for the towing of motor vehicles that is ordered by police or any other public authority, and a maximum daily storage charge for non-commercial passenger motor vehicles with a maximum capacity of nine persons. Section 120D of Chapter 266 describes the laws surrounding the removal of motor vehicles from private property. Section 39A of Chapter 255 delineates the procedure for storage and handling of motor vehicles removed from scenes of accidents.

**SUMMARY:**

This legislation establishes maximum charges for towing for vehicles that are removed from private property, subject to Section 120D of Chapter 266, and also establishes a maximum daily storage charge for vehicles removed from private property. It further changes the jurisdiction of Section 39A of Chapter 255 from vehicles removed from the scenes of accidents to vehicles involuntarily towed or transported pursuant to Section 6B of Chapter 159B.