

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, vehicle storage facilities charge a "preservation" fee of \$10 which covers the cost of taking an inventory of a vehicle, running a motor vehicle registration check, paying the salary of a security officer 24 hours a day, and if needed, providing a tarp for the vehicle. This legislation replaces the term "preservation" with "impoundment" in an attempt to provide a more appropriate term for the services provided and expenses incurred by vehicle storage facilities when a vehicle is stored or parked at the facility.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 945 establishes certain fees charged by vehicle storage facilities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(7), Article 6687-9a, V.T.C.S. (Vehicle Storage Facility Act), to define "impoundment," rather than "preservation," as an action taken by or at the direction of the owner or operator of a vehicle storage facility that is necessary to preserve, protect, or service a vehicle stored or parked at the facility.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 14(d), Article 6687-9a, V.T.C.S., to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.