

SENATE BILL 149

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CF HB 176

By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Towing or Removal – Insurer of Record – Electronic Notification**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle
4 from a parking lot to notify the insurer of record electronically if that form of notice
5 is agreed to by the tower and the insurer of record in a certain manner; and generally
6 relating to notification of the insurer of record after towing or removing a vehicle
7 from a parking lot.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Transportation

10 Section 21–10A–04(a)(3)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–10A–04.

17 (a) Unless otherwise set by local law, a person who undertakes the towing or
18 removal of a vehicle from a parking lot:

19 (3) (i) Shall notify the owner[, the insurer of record,] and, except as
20 provided in item (ii) of this item, **THE INSURER OF RECORD AND** any secured party by
21 certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail within 7 days, exclusive of days
22 that the towing business is closed, after towing or removing the vehicle, and shall provide

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the same information required in a notice to a police department under item (2) of this
2 subsection; and

3 (ii) May provide notice required under item (i) of this item to any
4 secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** electronically, if that form of notice is agreed to
5 by the tower and the secured party **OR INSURER OF RECORD** in writing or by electronic
6 communication;

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2024.