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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

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Self-service storage facilities

Amendments adopted in Senate Transportation Committee made the following changes to the bill's provisions related to self-service storage facilities:

- Requires that, if a notice required to be sent before the sale of personal property kept in a self-service storage facility is sent by certified or first-class mail, the notice also must be sent via email to the person's last known email address.
- Eliminates from the bill amendments that:
 - Required that the same notice that is given to persons with liens on motor vehicles and watercraft in self-service storage facilities also be given to persons with liens on trailers prior to a sale.
 - Granted self-service storage facility owners discretion in deciding whether and when to have motor vehicles, trailers, and watercraft removed from self-service storage spaces in which other personal property will be sold to collect amounts due.
 - Expanded a provision that granted self-service storage facility owners immunity from liability once a towler takes possession of the property to cover when a towing service or storage facility has possession of the property.

Towing

Amendments adopted in committee remove all of the bill's provisions relating to towing, including provisions governing the following:

- Procedures for a towing service or storage facility to take title after a law enforcement-ordered tow;
- Procedures for a motor vehicle dealer or repair facility to remove a motor vehicle from its property and procedures for the towing service or storage facility to take title to the motor vehicle after towing it from the property; and
- The number of notices sent to an owner or lienholder after a motor vehicle is towed from a private tow-away zone.

Email notifications

An amendment adopted on the Senate floor:

- Removes the bill's requirement that, if a required notification is sent by certified or first-class mail, it must be accompanied by an email notification.
- Permits a required notification to be sent via email but requires that an email notification be followed up by a notification sent via certified or first-class mail.