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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

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Senate Judiciary

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Civil actions related to towing

- Redefines “motor vehicle owner,” for purposes of the bill, by doing both of the following:
 - Removing lienholders, thus, ensuring a lienholder is not automatically liable for the towing service or storage facility’s bill for towing/storing the motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property; and
 - Specifying that an owner is the person who holds the certificate of title to or a lease to the commercial motor vehicle (excluding a lienholder or a leasing company).
- Limits the type of motor vehicle subject to the bill’s provisions to a commercial motor vehicle towed after an accident.
- Requires either the motor vehicle owner, towing service, or storage facility, as applicable, to send a copy of any action filed to any lienholders (if known) of the subject motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property.

Law enforcement tinted windows

- Expands an exception to existing window tinting prohibitions to allow a law enforcement agency to use tinted windows for any vehicle used within the scope of an agency’s duties, rather than limiting the use of tinted windows to vehicles used for a special investigatory purpose and in a canine unit.

Transportation network company annual background checks

- Requires a transportation network company (e.g., Uber, Lyft, etc.) to conduct annual background checks on its authorized drivers.
- Requires the company to terminate the authorization for a driver to work for the company if the background check reveals that the driver has committed a disqualifying offense (e.g., OVI, certain sex offenses, certain theft offenses, etc.).

Auction sales of tampered motor vehicles

- Allows a motor vehicle dealer to sell a motor vehicle with an emission system that has been tampered with to another motor vehicle dealer through a motor vehicle auction if all of the following apply:
 - The dealer discloses to the auction that the vehicle has been tampered with;
 - The auction announces during, or as part of, the vehicle auction process that the vehicle has been tampered with;
 - The auction identifies the vehicle as having been tampered with in any written description of the vehicle; and
 - The auction provides the buyer and seller of the vehicle a receipt or other written documentation after the sale which identifies the vehicle as having been tampered with.