

1-1 By: Thompson (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 3928
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
 1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt			X	
1-10 Hagenbuch	X			
1-11 Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12 Johnson	X			
1-13 King			X	
1-14 Miles			X	
1-15 Perry			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to providing notice of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage
 1-20 facility by publication on a third-party Internet website.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 2303.152, Occupations Code, is amended
 1-23 by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) Notice to the registered owner and the primary
 1-26 lienholder of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage facility may be
 1-27 provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in
 1-28 the county in which the vehicle is stored or on a publicly available
 1-29 Internet website maintained by a department-approved third party
 1-30 if:

1-31 (1) the vehicle is registered in another state;
 1-32 (2) the operator of the storage facility submits to
 1-33 the governmental entity responsible for maintaining the motor
 1-34 vehicle title and registration database for the state in which the
 1-35 vehicle is registered a request for information relating to the
 1-36 identity of the registered owner and any lienholder of record that
 1-37 is either:

1-38 (A) written; or
 1-39 (B) electronic, through the governmental
 1-40 entity's secure access portal;

1-41 (3) the identity of the registered owner cannot be
 1-42 determined;

1-43 (4) the registration does not contain an address for
 1-44 the registered owner; or

1-45 (5) the operator of the storage facility cannot
 1-46 reasonably determine the identity and address of each lienholder.

1-47 (e) Notice to the registered owner and the primary
 1-48 lienholder of a vehicle towed to a vehicle storage facility may be
 1-49 provided by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in
 1-50 the county in which the vehicle is stored or on a publicly available
 1-51 Internet website maintained by a department-approved third party
 1-52 if:

1-53 (1) the vehicle does not display a license plate or a
 1-54 vehicle inspection certificate indicating the state of
 1-55 registration;

1-56 (2) the identity of the registered owner cannot
 1-57 reasonably be determined by the operator of the storage facility;
 1-58 or

1-59 (3) the operator of the storage facility cannot
 1-60 reasonably determine the identity and address of each lienholder.

1-61 (f) The department shall include on the department's

2-1 Internet website a link to any Internet website maintained by a
2-2 department-approved third party where notice may be provided under
2-3 Subsection (a) or (e).

2-4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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