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SENATE BILL 345
Judiciary II Committee Substitute Adopted 4/21/15
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PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S345-PCS45383-TS-13

Short Title: Limit Storage Duration for Damaged Vehicle.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 23, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME A MOTOR VEHICLE CAN BE
3 IMPOUNDED AFTER A COLLISION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 20-166.3. Limit storage duration for vehicle damaged as a result of a collision.**

8 (a) Limited Duration of Storage. – A motor vehicle that is towed and stored at the
9 direction of a law enforcement agency following a collision may be held for evidence for not
10 more than 20 days without a court order. Absent a court order, the vehicle must be released to
11 the vehicle owner, insurer, or lien holder upon payment of the towing and storage fees.

12 (b) Application. – This section shall not apply to a motor vehicle (i) seized as a result of
13 a violation of law or (ii) abandoned by the owner."

14 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective August 1, 2015, and applies to motor
15 vehicles impounded on or after that date.



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