

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, vehicle storage facilities charge a fee of \$10 which covers various services related to impoundment. Currently, this fee is known as a "preservation fee." However, there is concern that the term "preservation fee" does not accurately describe what services and expenses are incurred when a vehicle is brought in and stored. H.B. 1025 would change the term "preservation fee" to "impoundment fee" in order to more accurately describe the actions taken and expenses incurred when a vehicle storage facility stores a vehicle.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1025 outlines provisions regarding certain fees charged by vehicle storage facilities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(7), Article 6687-9a, V.T.C.S. (Vehicle Storage Facility Act), to define "impoundment."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 14(d), Article 6687-9a, V.T.C.S., to prohibit the operator of a vehicle storage facility from charging any additional fees that are similar to notification, impoundment, rather than preservation, or administrative fees.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.