

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law prohibits a parking facility owner or towing company from removing a vehicle from a public roadway unless such a removal is directed by a peace officer or the owner or operator of the vehicle. Under this arrangement, a vehicle in the street that is immobilized by a wheel boot can hinder traffic until an officer is called to authorize the vehicle's removal. H.B. 996 gives municipalities the option to designate a municipal employee to immobilize a vehicle parked in the municipality and remove a vehicle from a public roadway.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 684.054, Transportation Code, to authorize an employee designated by a municipality, under an ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles in the municipality, to immobilize a vehicle parked in the municipality and to remove an immobilized vehicle from a public roadway in the municipality.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.