

Regular Session, 2008
HOUSE BILL NO. 945
BY REPRESENTATIVE MONICA

ACT No. 710

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:473.1, relative to abandoned motor vehicles; to provide
3 relative to the removal of abandoned vehicles from highways by parishes and
4 municipalities; to provide relative to liability; to provide for notice of removal; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:473.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §473.1. Abandoned vehicle; removal by ~~tow truck operator~~ municipality or parish

9 A. Whenever any motor vehicle is found to be abandoned by any policing
10 authority of a municipality or parish by reason of the illegal parking or the stationing
11 of such motor vehicle on a public street, ~~way, or~~ road; or ~~highway~~ state or federal
12 highway within the municipality or parish, as the case may be, the municipality or
13 parish, through the appropriate policing authority, shall post a notice on the
14 windshield of the vehicle directing that the vehicle be removed from said location
15 within ~~forty-eight~~ twenty-four hours, not to include weekends or legal holidays.
16 Additionally, the notice shall direct that the failure to remove the vehicle ~~may~~ shall
17 result in the vehicle's being removed by the municipality or parish, as the case may
18 be, or by a tow truck operator acting on behalf of the municipality or parish.

19 B. If the abandoned motor vehicle is not removed within ~~forty-eight~~ twenty-
20 four hours, not to include weekends or legal holidays, from date of posting of notice,
21 the motor vehicle ~~may~~ shall be removed and disposed of by the municipality or
22 parish or by a tow truck operator ~~acting~~ authorized to act on behalf of the
23 municipality or parish. ~~No other action by the municipality or parish shall be~~

1 ~~required and the procedures provided in this Section shall constitute a request of the~~
2 ~~municipality or parish to the tow truck operator to remove the vehicle.~~

3 C. The parish, municipality, or tow truck operator shall store and may
4 dispose of the vehicle pursuant to the Louisiana Towing and Storage Act. The
5 municipality or parish shall have no civil or criminal liability pursuant to any
6 provision of law for any act or omission of its own under the provisions of this
7 Section or for the acts or omissions committed by the tow truck operator.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____