

By Senator Bernard

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to towing disabled vehicles; creating s. 323.003, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer to provide the driver of a vehicle impounded under certain circumstances with certain information; authorizing the driver of a vehicle disabled under certain circumstances to take certain action; requiring a law enforcement officer and wrecker operator to provide specified information to the driver of a vehicle disabled under certain circumstances; requiring a wrecker operator storage facility to provide certain notification to the owner of the vehicle at specific intervals; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 323.003, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

323.003 Towing disabled vehicles; notification.—

(1) When a motor vehicle is disabled due to a motor vehicle crash and a wrecker operator is needed to tow the vehicle:

(a) If law enforcement is impounding the vehicle, a law enforcement officer must provide the driver with a list of wrecker operators the driver may choose from; or

(b) The driver may call a wrecker operator of his or her choice.

(2) The law enforcement officer and the wrecker operator shall inform the driver of the vehicle storage charge per day,

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the telephone number and e-mail address of the wrecker operator
storage facility to which the vehicle is being towed, and the
process for the owner to retrieve the vehicle.

(3) The wrecker operator storage facility shall notify the
owner of the vehicle in writing by certified mail and by
telephone and text message 14 business days, 30 business days,
and 45 business days after the vehicle arrives at the facility
stating that the vehicle is in storage and accruing daily
storage charges.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.