

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11-208.7 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.7)

7 Sec. 11-208.7. Administrative fees and procedures for
8 impounding vehicles for specified violations.

9 (a) Any county or municipality may, consistent with this
10 Section, provide by ordinance procedures for the release of
11 properly impounded vehicles and for the imposition of a
12 reasonable administrative fee related to its administrative
13 and processing costs associated with the investigation,
14 arrest, and detention of an offender, or the removal,
15 impoundment, storage, and release of the vehicle. The
16 administrative fee imposed by the county or municipality may be
17 in addition to any fees charged for the towing and storage of
18 an impounded vehicle. The administrative fee shall be waived by
19 the county or municipality upon verifiable proof that the
20 vehicle was stolen at the time the vehicle was impounded.

21 (b) Any ordinance establishing procedures for the release
22 of properly impounded vehicles under this Section may impose
23 fees for the following violations:

1 (1) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
2 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, an offense for
3 which a motor vehicle may be seized and forfeited pursuant
4 to Section 36-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012; or

5 (2) driving under the influence of alcohol, another
6 drug or drugs, an intoxicating compound or compounds, or
7 any combination thereof, in violation of Section 11-501 of
8 this Code; or

9 (3) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
10 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, a felony or in
11 violation of the Cannabis Control Act; or

12 (4) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
13 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, an offense in
14 violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; or

15 (5) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
16 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, an offense in
17 violation of Section 24-1, 24-1.5, or 24-3.1 of the
18 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; or

19 (6) driving while a driver's license, permit, or
20 privilege to operate a motor vehicle is suspended or
21 revoked pursuant to Section 6-303 of this Code; except that
22 vehicles shall not be subjected to seizure or impoundment
23 if the suspension is for an unpaid citation (parking or
24 moving) or due to failure to comply with emission testing;
25 or

26 (7) operation or use of a motor vehicle while

1 soliciting, possessing, or attempting to solicit or
2 possess cannabis or a controlled substance, as defined by
3 the Cannabis Control Act or the Illinois Controlled
4 Substances Act; or

5 (8) operation or use of a motor vehicle with an expired
6 driver's license, in violation of Section 6-101 of this
7 Code, if the period of expiration is greater than one year;
8 or

9 (9) operation or use of a motor vehicle without ever
10 having been issued a driver's license or permit, in
11 violation of Section 6-101 of this Code, or operating a
12 motor vehicle without ever having been issued a driver's
13 license or permit due to a person's age; or

14 (10) operation or use of a motor vehicle by a person
15 against whom a warrant has been issued by a circuit clerk
16 in Illinois for failing to answer charges that the driver
17 violated Section 6-101, 6-303, or 11-501 of this Code; or

18 (11) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
19 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, an offense in
20 violation of Article 16 or 16A of the Criminal Code of 1961
21 or the Criminal Code of 2012; or

22 (12) operation or use of a motor vehicle in the
23 commission of, or in the attempt to commit, any other
24 misdemeanor or felony offense in violation of the Criminal
25 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, when so provided
26 by local ordinance; or

1 (13) operation or use of a motor vehicle in violation
2 of Section 11-503 of this Code:

3 (A) while the vehicle is part of a funeral
4 procession; or

5 (B) in a manner that interferes with a funeral
6 procession.

7 (c) The following shall apply to any fees imposed for
8 administrative and processing costs pursuant to subsection
9 (b):

10 (1) All administrative fees and towing and storage
11 charges shall be imposed on the registered owner of the
12 motor vehicle or the agents of that owner.

13 (2) The fees shall be in addition to (i) any other
14 penalties that may be assessed by a court of law for the
15 underlying violations; and (ii) any towing or storage fees,
16 or both, charged by the towing company.

17 (3) The fees shall be uniform for all similarly
18 situated vehicles.

19 (4) The fees shall be collected by and paid to the
20 county or municipality imposing the fees.

21 (5) The towing or storage fees, or both, shall be
22 collected by and paid to the person, firm, or entity that
23 tows and stores the impounded vehicle.

24 (d) Any ordinance establishing procedures for the release
25 of properly impounded vehicles under this Section shall provide
26 for an opportunity for a hearing, as provided in subdivision

1 (b) (4) of Section 11-208.3 of this Code, and for the release of
2 the vehicle to the owner of record, lessee, or a lienholder of
3 record upon payment of all administrative fees and towing and
4 storage fees.

5 (e) Any ordinance establishing procedures for the
6 impoundment and release of vehicles under this Section shall
7 include the following provisions concerning notice of
8 impoundment:

9 (1) Whenever a police officer has cause to believe that
10 a motor vehicle is subject to impoundment, the officer
11 shall provide for the towing of the vehicle to a facility
12 authorized by the county or municipality.

13 (2) At the time the vehicle is towed, the county or
14 municipality shall notify or make a reasonable attempt to
15 notify the owner, lessee, or person identifying himself or
16 herself as the owner or lessee of the vehicle, or any
17 person who is found to be in control of the vehicle at the
18 time of the alleged offense, of the fact of the seizure,
19 and of the vehicle owner's or lessee's right to an
20 administrative hearing.

21 (3) The county or municipality shall also provide
22 notice that the motor vehicle will remain impounded pending
23 the completion of an administrative hearing, unless the
24 owner or lessee of the vehicle or a lienholder posts with
25 the county or municipality a bond equal to the
26 administrative fee as provided by ordinance and pays for

1 all towing and storage charges.

2 (f) Any ordinance establishing procedures for the
3 impoundment and release of vehicles under this Section shall
4 include a provision providing that the registered owner or
5 lessee of the vehicle and any lienholder of record shall be
6 provided with a notice of hearing. The notice shall:

7 (1) be served upon the owner, lessee, and any
8 lienholder of record either by personal service or by first
9 class mail to the interested party's address as registered
10 with the Secretary of State;

11 (2) be served upon interested parties within 10 days
12 after a vehicle is impounded by the municipality; and

13 (3) contain the date, time, and location of the
14 administrative hearing. An initial hearing shall be
15 scheduled and convened no later than 45 days after the date
16 of the mailing of the notice of hearing.

17 (g) In addition to the requirements contained in
18 subdivision (b)(4) of Section 11-208.3 of this Code relating to
19 administrative hearings, any ordinance providing for the
20 impoundment and release of vehicles under this Section shall
21 include the following requirements concerning administrative
22 hearings:

23 (1) administrative hearings shall be conducted by a
24 hearing officer who is an attorney licensed to practice law
25 in this State for a minimum of 3 years;

26 (2) at the conclusion of the administrative hearing,

1 the hearing officer shall issue a written decision either
2 sustaining or overruling the vehicle impoundment;

3 (3) if the basis for the vehicle impoundment is
4 sustained by the administrative hearing officer, any
5 administrative fee posted to secure the release of the
6 vehicle shall be forfeited to the county or municipality;

7 (4) all final decisions of the administrative hearing
8 officer shall be subject to review under the provisions of
9 the Administrative Review Law, unless the county or
10 municipality allows in the enabling ordinance for direct
11 appeal to the circuit court having jurisdiction over the
12 county or municipality; and

13 (5) unless the administrative hearing officer
14 overturns the basis for the vehicle impoundment, no vehicle
15 shall be released to the owner, lessee, or lienholder of
16 record until all administrative fees and towing and storage
17 charges are paid.

18 (h) Vehicles not retrieved from the towing facility or
19 storage facility within 35 days after the administrative
20 hearing officer issues a written decision shall be deemed
21 abandoned and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of
22 Article II of Chapter 4 of this Code.

23 (i) Unless stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, any
24 fine, penalty, or administrative fee imposed under this Section
25 which remains unpaid in whole or in part after the expiration
26 of the deadline for seeking judicial review under the

1 Administrative Review Law may be enforced in the same manner as
2 a judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-109, eff. 1-1-12; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13;
4 98-518, eff. 8-22-13; revised 9-19-13.)