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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill allows owners of impounded vehicles to retrieve their belongings from the vehicle, and requires impound lot operators to give notice of this. It also allows tow trucks to exceed height and weight limits if (1) towing a damaged vehicle that was removed from the roadway, or (2) with a \$300 permit.

Section

- 1 Contents; notice given within five days.** Requires impound lot operators to provide a notice to owners of impounded vehicles stating that the owner may retrieve vehicle contents. Makes technical changes.
- 2 Retrieval of contents; liability.** Allows a person whose vehicle was impounded to retrieve contents from the vehicle without being charged for it, and lets impound lot operators (including units of government) to develop a procedure for content retrieval. This does not include auto parts, accessories, or audio/video players that are permanently affixed to the vehicle.
- 3 Tow truck.** Expands the exception to the height and weight limits for tow trucks to tow a damaged vehicle when it is urgent and it is being moved from the roadway. Currently, the exception only applies when a damaged vehicle cannot be towed from the rear, and the vehicle can only be towed to a repair shop.
- 4 Tow truck.** Allows a tow truck that is towing a disabled or damaged vehicle to exceed the height and weight limits with a \$300 permit and any other conditions set by Mn/DOT.