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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2167**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian**

February 17, 2016

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An act to amend Section 22513.1 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2167, as amended, Achadjian. Vehicles: towed vehicles.

Existing law requires a business taking possession of a vehicle from a tow truck to document specified information, including the make, model, and license plate or Vehicle Identification number of the vehicle. Existing law requires a business taking possession of a vehicle to obtain the specified information from the towing company the next day if the vehicle was dropped off after hours. Existing law requires the information to be maintained for 3 years and to be made available for inspection and copying within 48 hours of a written request by any officer or ~~agency agent~~ of a police department, a sheriff's department, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Attorney General's, *General's office*, the Bureau of Automotive Repair, a district attorney's office, or a city attorney's office. A willful violation of these requirements is a misdemeanor, as specified.

This bill would instead require a business to obtain the specified information described above from the towing company on the next business day if a vehicle was dropped off after hours. *The bill would also authorize a business taking possession of a vehicle from a tow*

truck to document the tow truck driver’s identification number, as specified, or another government authorized unique identifier of the tow truck operator.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 22513.1 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 22513.1. (a) (1) A business taking possession of a vehicle  
4 from a tow truck shall document ~~the~~ *all of the following:*

5 (A) *The name, address, and telephone number of the towing*  
6 ~~company, the company.~~

7 (B) *The name and driver’s license ~~number~~ number, driver’s*  
8 *identification number issued by a motor club, as defined by Section*  
9 *12142 of the Insurance Code, or other government authorized*  
10 *unique identifier of the tow truck ~~operator,~~ the operator.*

11 (C) *The make, model, and license plate or Vehicle Identification*  
12 ~~Number, and the Number.~~

13 (D) *The date and time that possession was taken of the vehicle.*  
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15 (2) *If the vehicle was dropped off after hours, the business shall*  
16 *obtain the information from the towing company on the next*  
17 *business day.*

18 (b) The information required in this section shall be maintained  
19 for three years and shall be available for inspection and copying  
20 within 48 hours of a written request by any officer or agent of a  
21 police department, a sheriff’s department, the Department of the  
22 California Highway Patrol, the Attorney General’s office, the  
23 Bureau of Automotive Repair, a district attorney’s office, or a city  
24 attorney’s office.

25 (c) A person who willfully violates this section is guilty of a  
26 misdemeanor, and is punishable by a fine of not more than two  
27 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or by imprisonment in a  
28 county jail for not more than three months, or by both that fine  
29 and imprisonment.

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