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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 541

By: Senators G. Leding, A. Clark

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TOWING OR STORAGE OF A VEHICLE, IMPLEMENT, OR PIECE OF MACHINERY; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN TOWED OR STORED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TOWING OR STORAGE OF A VEHICLE, IMPLEMENT, OR PIECE OF MACHINERY; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF A VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN TOWED OR STORED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1101(a)(3), concerning the nonconsensual towing of a vehicle, implement, or piece of machinery, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D)(i) If the owner of a vehicle, implement, or piece of machinery removed under this section has not consented to the towing or storage of the vehicle, implement, or piece of machinery, the towing and storage company shall release the vehicle, implement, or piece of machinery to the owner or the owner's representative, notwithstanding the failure of the owner to satisfy the possessory lien held by the towing and storage company or a county, city of the first class, city of the second class, or incorporated town under § 27-50-1208 or under subdivision (a)(3)(A) – (C) of this section.

(ii)(a) The owner of a vehicle, implement, or piece



of machinery released under subdivision (a)(3)(D)(i) of this section shall not sell the vehicle, implement, or piece of machinery without satisfying the former possessory lien under § 27-50-1208 or under subdivisions (a)(3)(A) – (C) of this section.

(b) A violation of subdivision (a)(3)(D)(ii)(a) of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) In addition to the penalty provided in subdivision (a)(3)(D)(ii)(b) of this section, a person who violates subdivision (a)(3)(D)(ii)(a) of this section upon conviction shall be ordered by the court to pay twice the amount of the possessory lien on the vehicle, implement, or piece of equipment to the lien holder.