

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 944
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/29/03
Senate Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 6/11/03**

Short Title: Required Notices for Towing Payments.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN NOTIFICATIONS BEFORE A TOWER MAY
2 COLLECT CERTAIN CHARGES.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-77(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) An operator of a place of business for garaging, repairing, parking or storing
7 vehicles for the public in which a vehicle remains unclaimed for 10 days, or the
8 landowners upon whose property a motor vehicle has been abandoned for more than 30
9 days, shall, within five days after the expiration of that period, report the vehicle as
10 unclaimed to the Division. Failure to make such report shall constitute a Class 3
11 misdemeanor. Persons who are required to make this report and who fail to do so within
12 the time period specified may collect other charges due but may not collect storage
13 charges for the period of time between when they were required to make this report and
14 when they actually did send the report to the Division by certified mail.

15 Any vehicle which remains unclaimed after report is made to the Division may be
16 sold by such operator or landowner in accordance with the provisions relating to the
17 enforcement of liens and the application of proceeds of sale of Article 1 of Chapter
18 44A."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.