

HB 2247 -- Abandoned Vehicles

Sponsor: Burlison

Prior to authorizing a tow, this bill requires a law enforcement officer who finds an abandoned vehicle to check the vehicle registration and have the officer's law enforcement agency attempt to contact the registered owner of the vehicle after making a visual inspection to determine if a crime has occurred. The agency is to determine if the owner knows the vehicle has been abandoned and inform him or her that if not retrieved, it will be towed and if the circumstances require immediate removal, it will be towed immediately. If the vehicle is registered in another jurisdiction, the agency must contact the law enforcement agency where the vehicle is registered and that agency must notify the owner of the vehicle and of its impending tow.