

CHAPTER 401

H.B. No. 710

AN ACT

relating to fees charged by a vehicle storage facility.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 2(3), Vehicle Storage Facility Act (Article 6687-9a, Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Vehicle storage facility" means a garage, parking lot, or any type of facility owned by a person other than a governmental entity, *except as provided by Section 14(f) of this article*, for storing or parking 10 or more vehicles.

SECTION 2. Section 14, Vehicle Storage Facility Act (Article 6687-9a, Revised Statutes), is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) The operator of a vehicle storage facility may not charge an owner more than \$10 for *any action taken by or at the direction of the operator or owner of the vehicle storage facility necessary to preserve, protect, or service a vehicle stored or parked at the facility* [~~preservation of a stored motor vehicle~~].

(e) This section controls *over* [~~overs~~] any conflicting municipal ordinance or charter provision.

*(f) For the purposes of this section, "vehicle storage facility" includes a garage, parking lot, or any type of facility owned by a governmental entity for storing or parking 10 or more vehicles.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 7, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.