



LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 83-19: Nonconsensual Towing – Storage Facilities and Redemption Areas and Blanket Authorizations to Tow

Bill No. 83-19 requires nonconsensual towers to have a storage facility located in Anne Arundel County. If a nonconsensual tower has a place separate from the storage facility where towed vehicles may be retrieved, called a redemption area, the redemption area must also be located in the County. The bill defines the terms “storage facility” and “redemption area” and makes technical changes to ensure consistency in use of the terms.

Bill No. 83-19 also addresses restricted access/gated parking lots. Under current law, the owner of a parking lot or the owner’s various agents must give individual authorizations to a nonconsensual towing company to tow a vehicle. The bill allows the owner or the owner’s various agents to give a blanket authorization to its towing company to tow vehicles when (1) the parking lot is gated with restricted access; (2) posted signs state that parking is prohibited without a permit displayed on the vehicle; and (3) the vehicle does not display the required permit.