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**An Act to Repeal the Provisions of Law Requiring Motor Vehicle  
Liability Insurance Policies to Cover the Cost of Towing and Storing  
Certain Vehicles**

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Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, SWALLOW of Houlton, WADSWORTH  
of Hiram, Senators: STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 395, Pt. A,  
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:

5 (1) For damage to property, \$25,000;

6 (2) For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000;

7 (3) For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person,  
8 \$100,000; and

9 (4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, \$2,000; and

10 ~~(5) For towing and storage charges pursuant to section 1605-B, \$500.~~

11 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1605-B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 395, Pt. A, §2, is repealed.

12 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1861, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 395, Pt. A, §3, is  
13 further amended to read:

14 A person holding or storing an abandoned vehicle, holding or storing a vehicle towed  
15 at the request of the vehicle's operator, owner or owner's agent or holding or storing a  
16 vehicle stored at the request of a law enforcement officer may hold the vehicle and all its  
17 accessories, contents and equipment, not including the personal effects of the registered  
18 owner, until reasonable towing and storage charges of the person holding or storing the  
19 vehicle are paid, except that a person may not hold the perishable cargo of a commercial  
20 motor vehicle, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 390.5, as amended, when  
21 the perishable cargo being transported in interstate or intrastate commerce is not owned by  
22 the motor carrier or driver of the commercial motor vehicle being held and the person  
23 holding or storing the towed vehicle is presented with evidence of insurance, as defined in  
24 section 1551, covering the commercial motor vehicle and the vehicle's cargo. For purposes  
25 of this paragraph, "perishable cargo" means cargo of a commercial motor vehicle that is  
26 subject to spoilage or decay or is marked with an expiration date. ~~The owner of the vehicle  
27 shall maintain, at a minimum, the amounts of motor vehicle financial responsibility in  
28 accordance with section 1605-B to pay the reasonable towing and storage charges of the  
29 person holding or storing the vehicle.~~

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill repeals the laws requiring motor vehicle liability coverage in an amount up to  
32 \$500 per accident for the towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident  
33 involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement  
34 officer.