

**RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF A MOTOR  
VEHICLE**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow**

House Sponsor: Bradley M. Daw

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Traffic Code by addressing vehicle immobilization devices.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ prohibits a motor vehicle from being immobilized in certain locations where specified signage does not exist;
- ▶ provides exceptions to the signage requirements;
- ▶ provides that a notice with specified information must be affixed to an immobilized vehicle; and
- ▶ provides for a maximum fee that can be charged for removing a vehicle immobilization device.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**41-6a-1409**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1409** is enacted to read:

**41-6a-1409. Vehicle immobilization devices -- Definitions -- Notice requirements --**  
**Maximum removal fee.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Immobilize" means to affix and lock a vehicle immobilization device to the exterior of a motor vehicle.

(b) "Vehicle immobilization device" means a device that may be affixed and locked to the exterior of a motor vehicle for the purpose of prohibiting the movement or removal of the vehicle from its location.

(c) "Vehicle immobilizer" means a person who or entity that uses or causes to be used a vehicle immobilization device for the purpose of enforcing parking restrictions with prior authorization from the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the real property.

(2) (a) A vehicle immobilizer may not immobilize a vehicle without the motor vehicle owner's knowledge at either of the following locations without signage that meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(b):

(i) a mobile home park as defined in Section 57-16-3; or

(ii) a multifamily dwelling of more than eight units.

(b) Signage under Subsection (2)(a) shall display:

(i) where parking is subject to being immobilized; and

(ii) one of the following:

(A) the name and phone number of the vehicle immobilizer that immobilizes a vehicle for the locations listed under Subsection (2)(a)(i); or

(B) the name of the mobile home park or multifamily dwelling and the phone number of the mobile home park or multifamily dwelling manager or management office that authorized the vehicle immobilizer to immobilize the motor vehicle.

(c) Signage is not required under Subsection (2)(b) for parking in a location:

(i) that is prohibited by law;

(ii) that is prohibited by a declaration of the conditions, covenants, and restrictions or by a contract; or

- 59           (iii) if it is reasonably apparent that the location is not open to parking.
- 60           (d) Nothing in Subsection (2)(b) restricts the ability of a mobile home park as defined  
61 in Section 57-16-3 or a multifamily dwelling from instituting and enforcing regulations on  
62 parking.
- 63           (3) (a) Upon immobilizing a vehicle, the vehicle immobilizer shall affix a notice to the  
64 immobilized vehicle in a conspicuous place so as to be plainly visible to a person seeking to  
65 operate the vehicle.
- 66           (b) The notice under Subsection (3)(a) shall include:
- 67           (i) the name and phone number of the vehicle immobilizer;
- 68           (ii) a phone number that the owner of the vehicle may call to arrange for release of the  
69 vehicle; and
- 70           (iii) applicable fees.
- 71           (4) The maximum fee that a vehicle immobilizer may charge to remove a vehicle  
72 immobilization device may not exceed \$75.
- 73           (5) A county or municipal legislative or governing body may not enact or enforce any  
74 ordinance, regulation, rule, or fee pertaining to a vehicle immobilization device that conflicts  
75 with this part.

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**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals or local governments. Towing businesses charging more than \$75 will be impacted.

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