

## **Self-storage Operators and Towing Service; HB 2042**

**HB 2042** adds self-storage unit operators (operators) to the list of persons who may direct the towing of a vehicle and permit the operators to have motor vehicles, trailers, and watercraft towed when the occupant of the storage space is in default for a period of 60 days.

The bill requires the operator to provide notice to an occupant prior to towing the property. The occupant can avoid a tow by paying the amount necessary to satisfy the operator's lien at any time before the tow.

The bill exempts operators from liability for damages to motor vehicles, trailers, or watercraft after the towing service takes possession if the towing service has a certificate of public service from the Kansas Corporation Commission. The bill limits tows under the bill to those permitted by a city ordinance or county resolution of the city or county where the storage facility is located.

The bill states the operator's lien on the motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft is extinguished after the property is towed from the self-storage facility.