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Abstract: Creates the penalty of impounding vehicles for persons convicted of held liable for second and subsequent offenses of littering from a vehicle.

Present law prohibits intentional littering.

Present law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) Upon first conviction, be fined \$500 and sentenced to serve eight hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court.
- (2) Upon second conviction, be fined \$900 and sentenced to serve 20 hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court.
- (3) Upon third or subsequent conviction, be fined \$2,500, have his motor vehicle driver's license suspended for one year, and be sentenced to serve eighty hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court, or all or any combination of the penalties provided in <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that a person convicted or held liable for a second or subsequent offense of intentionally littering from a vehicle may, upon motion of the prosecuting district attorney, have his vehicle seized and impounded, and held until such time as he has paid the fine as required in <u>present law</u> when the offender is the registered owner of the vehicle being operated at the time of the offense.

(Amends R.S. 30:2531(A)(2)(b))