



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1389

Senate, April 3, 2025

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ORDINANCES CONCERNING STREET TAKEOVERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "street takeover" has the same meaning as provided in section
3 14-224 of the general statutes, and "motor vehicle" has the same meaning
4 as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

5 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, prohibit a person from
6 organizing, participating in or gathering with intent to observe and
7 actually observing a street takeover. Such ordinance may provide for
8 the seizure and forfeiture to the municipality of any motor vehicle
9 involved in a street takeover for a violation of such ordinance, subject to
10 any bona fide lien, lease or security interest in the motor vehicle.

11 (c) No motor vehicle shall be forfeited under an ordinance adopted
12 pursuant to this section to the extent of the interest of an owner or
13 lienholder by reason of any act or omission committed by another
14 person if such owner or lienholder did not know and could not have

15 reasonably known that such motor vehicle was being used or was
16 intended to be used in violation of a municipal ordinance.

17 (d) Any motor vehicle ordered forfeited pursuant to such an
18 ordinance shall be sold at public auction conducted by the municipality.
19 The proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the treasurer of the
20 municipality, who shall deposit such proceeds into the general fund of
21 the municipality or in any special fund designated by the municipality
22 and use such proceeds to support the municipality's police department
23 or the resident state trooper serving such municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Various Municipal Police Departments; Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill allows municipalities to (1) adopt an ordinance prohibiting street takeovers and (2) seize vehicles used to violate the ordinance and sell them at a public auction.

The bill results in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 26 to the extent they choose to adopt this ordinance to enforce the ordinance and sell vehicles at the public auction.

There is also a potential revenue gain to municipal police departments beginning in FY 26 associated with the sale of vehicles at an auction as the bill requires these funds be used to support the municipality's police department or the resident state trooper serving the municipality.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1389*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ORDINANCES CONCERNING STREET TAKEOVERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows municipalities to prohibit, by ordinance, a person from organizing, participating in, or gathering with intent to observe and actually observing a street takeover. The ordinance may allow the municipality to seize and deem forfeited any motor vehicle used in a street takeover that violates the ordinance.

As under existing law, a “street takeover” means taking over a portion of a public highway or parking area by blocking or impeding the regular flow of traffic with intent to cause disorder or create a nuisance for other users of the highway or parking area.

The bill’s forfeiture provisions are subject to any bona fide lien, lease, or security interest. The bill protects an owner or lienholder’s interest when forfeiture is due to someone else’s act or omission if the owner or lienholder did not know, and could not have reasonably known, that the vehicle was used or was intended to be used in violation of a municipal ordinance.

Under the bill, any motor vehicle ordered forfeited under an ordinance must be sold at a public auction the municipality conducts. The sale proceeds must be paid to the municipality’s treasurer, who must deposit the proceeds into the municipality’s general fund or in any special fund the municipality designates and uses to support the municipality’s police department or the resident state trooper serving the municipality.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)