I worked on some language related to SB 2348 and trying to address the concerns surrounding the requirement that an owner of the motor vehicle provide law enforcement with enough information to provide probably cause that the individual committed the offense of fleeing. Here's the amendments that I am proposing to the subsection:

4. A motor vehicle owner may not be found to have violated this section if the motor vehicle owner provides to a peace officer either the name and address of the individual operating the motor vehicle or information that can be used to ascertain the identity of the individual operating the motor vehicle at the time of the violation of section 39 - 10 - 71, and further provides to the peace officer information sufficient to establish probable cause to establish the driver violated section 39 - 10 - 71.

Law enforcement's goal with this bill is to get cooperation from a vehicle owner when a vehicle is involved in a fleeing incident. Unfortunately, that is not happening in a lot of cases.

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