

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1184 # 1

DIGEST

Towing matters. Allows a towing company responding to a summons for an emergency towing to utilize the shoulder of the roadway as necessary to reach the scene of the disabled motor vehicle. Specifies that a tow-away zone sign must be at a height of more than five feet and less than seven feet. Prohibits a towing company from towing a vehicle from a tow-away zone where the tow-away zone sign is not at the required height. Adds an exception for the towing of an abandoned vehicle to the requirement that a towing company reimburse the owner of a motor vehicle for damage caused by the towing company during a commercial private property towing.

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 1. IC 24-14-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. A towing company responding to a summons for**
5 **an emergency towing under this chapter may utilize the shoulder**
6 **of the roadway as necessary to reach the scene of the disabled**
7 **motor vehicle.**
8 SECTION 2. IC 24-14-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2019,
9 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
11 (c), the owner of a commercial private property may establish a
12 tow-away zone on the owner's property. A commercial private property
13 owner that establishes a tow-away zone under this section must post a
14 tow-away zone sign at the location of the tow-away zone that is **at a**
15 **height of more than five (5) feet and less than seven (7) feet from**
16 **the ground**, conspicuous, and clearly visible to the public. A tow-away
17 zone sign described under this section shall provide the following
18 information:
19 (1) A statement that the area in the immediate vicinity of the sign
20 is a tow-away zone.
21 (2) Pertinent contact information.
22 (3) A description of any person permitted to park in the affected
23 area, if applicable.

1 (b) A commercial private property owner may have a motor vehicle
 2 towed from the owner's commercial private property without first
 3 displaying signage concerning the tow-away zone if the motor vehicle
 4 is removed under IC 9-22-1-16.

5 (c) A unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) may adopt an ordinance that
 6 provides for different requirements than those provided in this section.

7 **(d) Except as provided in subsection (b), a towing company may**
 8 **not tow a motor vehicle from a tow-away zone if the tow-away zone**
 9 **sign is not at the height required under subsection (a)."**

10 Page 2, delete lines 1 through 16.

11 Page 2, delete lines 27 through 28, begin a new line block indented
 12 and insert:

13 **"(3) Except for a towing performed under IC 9-22-1,**
 14 **reimburse the owner of the motor vehicle for any damage**
 15 **caused by the towing company."**

16 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1184 as introduced.)