
HOUSE BILL No. 1184

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 24-14-3-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. A towing company responding to a summons for**
4 **an emergency towing under this chapter may utilize the shoulder**
5 **of the roadway as necessary to reach the scene of the disabled**
6 **motor vehicle.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 24-14-4-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2019,
8 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and
10 (c), the owner of a commercial private property may establish a
11 tow-away zone on the owner's property. A commercial private property
12 owner that establishes a tow-away zone under this section must post a
13 tow-away zone sign at the location of the tow-away zone that is **at a**
14 **height of more than five (5) feet and less than seven (7) feet from**
15 **the ground**, conspicuous, and clearly visible to the public. A tow-away

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1 zone sign described under this section shall provide the following
2 information:

3 (1) A statement that the area in the immediate vicinity of the sign
4 is a tow-away zone.

5 (2) Pertinent contact information.

6 (3) A description of any person permitted to park in the affected
7 area, if applicable.

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

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

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

18 SECTION 3. IC 24-14-4-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.281-2019,
19 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. A towing company that performs commercial
21 private property towing under this chapter shall do the following:

22 (1) Properly secure all towed motor vehicles.

23 (2) Take all reasonable efforts to prevent:

24 (A) further damage (including weather damage) to; or
25 (B) the theft of;

26 all towed motor vehicles, including a towed motor vehicle's
27 cargo and contents.

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

