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HOUSE BILL No. 1184

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM118401

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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.

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-~~6, AS~~ 7 IS ADDED ~~BY~~
2 ~~P.L.281-2019,~~ TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION~~<~~
3 ~~5, IS AMENDED>~~ TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
4 2026]: Sec. ~~6~~ 7. A towing company ~~that~~
5 ~~performs~~ responding to a summons for an emergency towing
6 under this chapter ~~shall do the following:~~
7 ~~(1) Properly secure all towed~~ may utilize the shoulder of the
8 roadway as necessary to reach the scene of the disabled
9 motor ~~vehicles.~~
10 ~~(2) Take all reasonable efforts to prevent:~~
11 ~~(A) further damage (including weather damage) to; or~~
12 ~~(B) the theft of;~~
13 ~~all towed motor vehicles, including a towed motor vehicle's~~
14 ~~cargo and contents.~~
15 ~~(3) Reimburse the owner of the motor vehicle for any~~

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~~damage caused by the towing company~~>[vehicle].

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

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

(2) Pertinent contact information.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Properly secure all towed motor vehicles.

(2) Take all reasonable efforts to prevent:

(A) further damage (including weather damage) to; or

(B) the theft of;

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

(3) ~~<R>~~ [Except for a towing performed under IC 9-22-1, r]eimburse the owner of the motor vehicle for any damage caused by the towing company.

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