

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5568

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to business location requirements for registered tow truck operators.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying business location requirements for tow truck operators.

**Sponsors:** Senators Prentice and Benton.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 3/4/02 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Business license locations for registered tow truck operators are defined.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Fisher, Chair; Cooper, Vice Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Mitchell, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Holmquist, Jackley, Jarrett, Mielke, Morell, Murray, Ogden, Reardon, Rockefeller, Romero, Schindler, Simpson, Skinner, Sullivan, Wood and Woods.

**Staff:** Penny Nerup (786-7335).

**Background:**

The business location of a registered tow truck operator is the location in which its files are kept. Registered tow truck operators may have multiple business locations, each of which are required to have a separate registration.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The business location of a registered tow truck operator serves as its business location for all purposes including for business licensure. Registered tow truck operators are exempt

from licensing in a political subdivision based solely upon an operator picking up or delivering a towed vehicle within the political subdivision.

However, a registered tow truck operator may be required to have a business license: 1) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has a fixed place of business, 2) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has a contract with police agencies to perform law enforcement impounds, or 3) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has contracts with businesses to perform private impounds.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill solves the problems that occurred in prior bills. It keeps tow truck operators from having to get a business license just because they pick up a tow in a jurisdiction, but provides for exceptions where there is a contract.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Stu Halsan, Washington Tow Truck Association.