
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1218

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, McCaslin, and Goodman)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to the termination of towing fees; and amending
2 RCW 46.55.063.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.55.063 and 1995 c 360 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) An operator shall file a fee schedule with the department.
7 All filed fees must be adequate to cover the costs of service
8 provided. No fees may exceed those filed with the department. At
9 least ten days before the effective date of any change in an
10 operator's fee schedule, the registered tow truck operator shall file
11 the revised fee schedule with the department.

12 (2) Towing contracts with private property owners shall be in
13 written form and state the hours of authorization to impound, the
14 persons empowered to authorize the impounds, and the present charge
15 of a private impound for the classes of tow trucks to be used in the
16 impound, and must be retained in the files of the registered tow
17 truck operator for three years.

18 (3) A fee that is charged for tow truck service must be
19 calculated on an hourly basis, and after the first hour must be
20 charged to the nearest quarter hour.

1 (4) Fees that are charged for the storage of a vehicle, or for
2 other items of personal property registered or titled with the
3 department, must be calculated on a twenty-four hour basis and must
4 be charged to the nearest half day from the time when the ((vehicle
5 arrived)) operator has unloaded the vehicle and completed the
6 necessary paperwork at the secure storage area. The total amount of
7 time to unload the towed vehicle, complete required paperwork, and
8 reasonably prepare the tow truck to return to service may be charged
9 as part of the tow truck service in fifteen-minute increments not to
10 exceed a total of sixty minutes after the return of the tow truck to
11 the secure storage area. If a portion of any fifteen-minute increment
12 exceeds a total of eight minutes, the total minutes must be rounded
13 up to the next highest fifteen-minute period of total time except in
14 the last fifteen minutes of the total sixty minutes. However, items
15 of personal property registered or titled with the department that
16 are wholly contained within an impounded vehicle are not subject to
17 additional storage fees; they are, however, subject to satisfying the
18 underlying lien for towing and storage of the vehicle in which they
19 are contained.

20 (5) All billing invoices that are provided to the redeemer of the
21 vehicle, or other items of personal property registered or titled
22 with the department, must be itemized so that the individual fees are
23 clearly ((discernable)) discernible.

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