

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1218**

65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 28, 2017  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 5, 2017  
Yeas 47 Nays 1

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1218** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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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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