

HB 2496 -- TOWING TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

This bill creates a "Towing Task Force" within the Missouri Department of Transportation. Membership, leadership positions, and regulation of the task force is specified in the bill. The task force will make recommendations to the department by March 1, 2020, concerning maximum towing rates for nonconsensual towing including storage fees, the investigation of overcharges for towing, processes for consumer complaints and civil penalties to use to enforce towing regulations, and relevant information to provide on invoices for nonconsensual towing operations. Other recommendations are also specified in the bill. The bill prohibits the use of per-pound billing and also limits civil penalty options chosen by the commission to under \$5,000 per violation.