

HB 2647 -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TOWING PROCEDURES

SPONSOR: Griffith

This bill defines a "nonconsensual tow" and requires the Department of Transportation to establish procedures and standards for the safe and efficient removal of commercial motor vehicles from roadways, based upon the Missouri Department of Transportation Towing Services Standards Manual. Information that must be included in the procedures and standards are set out in the bill and include, but are not limited to, minimum equipment standards, maximum towing rates, provisions for towing company temporary or permanent disqualification, complaint procedures, and information to be included on towing company invoices. Charging an unauthorized rate for towing is a violation of this section, and the burden of proving that the charged fees are reasonable is upon the towing company.