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The CS for HB 1972 removes the cap on motor carrier enforcement officers (MCEOs), motor vehicle enforcement officers (MVEOs), allowing the Corporation Commission to employ MCEO's and MVEO's as needed. MCEO's and enforcement managers must be certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training. MVEO's are not required to be CLEET certified and are not to be armed.

The measure also specifies that those found to be in contempt by the Commission may be assessed a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per day, per violation. The fines and fees collected from enforcement shall be deposited in the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund. Any vehicle judged by an MCEO or MVEO to be a danger to public safety may be impounded at a weighing station at the expense of the motor carrier. The measure provides immunity to liability for employees and commissioners of the Corporation Commission.

The measure allows the Department of Public Safety to revoke the license of any wrecker or towing service company that fails to comply with an order issued by the Commission. The measure allows automated license plate readers (ALPRs) to be used in the electronic screening of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles for the purpose of credential checks, public safety and protection of infrastructure.

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