Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1743 requires insurers accepting liability for the payment of a claim for services performed by a wrecker operator to make that claim directly payable to the operator. Operators shall be required to provide written documentation of the claim to the insurer prior to the payment being made. Additionally, the measure provides that if a licensed wrecker operator tows and stores a vehicle with a license plate, the operator shall issue a written statement of the amount owed by the insurer accepting liability for the claim for services performed by a wrecker operator, or to the vehicle owner responsible for payment if there is no insurer accepting liability. Following such issuance, the operator may remove and withhold the license plate until payment is made. The operator shall notify Service Oklahoma within 3 days of the plate removal, who shall issue a stop flag designation to enable the wrecker operator to be paid prior to issuance of any license plate to the vehicle owner. Upon receiving payment, the operator shall remit the plate back to the owner.

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