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FLOOR AMENDMENT

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State of Oklahoma

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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 3 HOUSE BILL NO. 1753 4 By: Kerbs of the House 5 and Frix of the Senate 6 7 8 9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 10 2021, Section 953.1, which relates to maximum fees and charges; deleting certain rate calculations; 11 requiring certain documentation be kept; requiring hourly rates be calculated and updated annually using 12 certain federal data; requiring Corporation 1.3 Commission make certain calculation; requiring certain notification; authorizing amendment to rate 14 calculation if conditions met; providing rates be calculated by vehicle weight; removing certain weekly adjustment of fees; modifying responsible agency; 15 amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 16 2024, Section 953.2), which relates to fees and 17 charges for storage; requiring hourly rates be calculated and updated annually using certain federal 18 data requiring certain annual update; requiring Corporation Commission make certain calculation; 19 authorizing amendment to rate calculation if conditions met; modifying maximum indoor and outdoor 20 storage rates; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 966, which relates to the Nonconsensual Towing Act of

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2011; modifying certain power and authority of the

authorizing modification of rates after notice and

evaluation and provide recommendations; requiring

hearing; requiring at review at least every two years; providing for use of expert witness to make

Corporation Commission; requiring Corporation Commission review rates for consensual tows;

certain notice of recommendation; requiring expert witness fees be added to assessment of annual fees; and providing an effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

6 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.1, is 7 amended to read as follows:

Section 953.1. A. The rates established by the Corporation Commission shall determine the nonconsensual tow maximum fees and charges for wrecker or towing services performed in this state, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing service licensed by the Department of Public Safety when that service appears on the rotation log of the Department or on the rotation log of any municipality, county or other political subdivision of this state, and the services performed are at the request or at the direction of any officer of the Department or of a municipality, county, or political subdivision. No wrecker or towing service in the performance of transporting or storing vehicles or other property towed as a result of a nonconsensual tow shall charge any fee which exceeds the maximum rates established by the Commission. Such rates shall be in addition to any other rates, fees or charges authorized, allowed or required by law and costs to collect such fees. Any wrecker or towing service is authorized to collect from the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer accepting

liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the
vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner of any
towed or stored vehicle, the fee required by Section 904 of this
title including environmental remediation fees and services.

- B. When wrecker or towing services are performed as provided in subsection A of this section:
- 1. Each performance of a wrecker or towing service shall be recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as prescribed by rules of the Department and by order of the Commission;
- 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator who has provided or caused to be provided wrecker or towing services to require prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of any charges incurred for providing such services;
- 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator to charge a fee for the performance of any wrecker or towing services; and
- 4. The operator is authorized to collect all lawful fees from the owner, lienholder or agent or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner of the towed vehicle for the performance of any and all such services and costs to collect such fees. An operator shall release the vehicle from storage upon authorization from the owner, agent or lienholder of the vehicle or, in the case of a total loss, the insurer accepting liability for

paying the claim for the vehicle or purchasing the vehicle where the vehicle is to be moved to an insurance pool yard for sale.

- C. The rates in subsections D through G of this section shall be applicable until superseded by rates established by the Commission.
 - D. Distance rates.

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1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the distance the towed vehicle is transported and shall include services of the operator of the wrecker vehicle. Hourly rates, as provided in subsection E of this section, may be applied in lieu of distance rates. Hourly rates may be applied from the time the wrecker vehicle is assigned to the service call until the time it is released from service either upon return to the premises of the wrecker or towing service or upon being assigned to perform another wrecker or towing service, whichever occurs first. When the hourly rate is applied in lieu of distance towing rates, the operator may not apply the two-hour minimum prescribed in subsection E of this section nor may hookup or mileage charges, as prescribed in this section, be applied.

Such distance rates shall be computed via the shortest highway mileage as determined from the latest official Oklahoma Department of Transportation state highway map, except as follows:

a. for distances or portions of distances not specifically provided for in the governing highway

1		map, the actual mil	eage via the shortest p	ractical
2		route will apply,		
3	b.	in computing distan	ces, fractions of a mil	e will be
4		retained until the	final and full mileage	is
5		determined, at which	h time any remaining fr	raction shall
6		be increased to the	e next whole mile,	
7	c.	when, due to circum	stances beyond the cont	erol of the
8		wrecker or towing s	ervice, roadway conditi	ons make it
9		impractical to trav	el via the shortest rou	te, distance
10		rates shall be comp	ruted based on the short	est
11		practical route ove	r which the wrecker veh	nicle and the
12		vehicle it is towin	g can be moved, which r	route shall
13		be noted on the bil	l or invoice, or	
14	d.	when the wrecker or	towing service is perf	formed upon
15		any turnpike or tol	l road, the turnpike or	toll road
16		mileage shall be us	ed to determine the dis	tance rates
17		charged and the tur	npike or toll road fees	s may be
18		added to the bill o	r invoice.	
19	2. Maxim	um distance rates sh	all be as follows:	
20	Weight of Tow	red Vehicle	Distance	Rate
21	(In pounds, i	ncluding	Towed	Per
22	equipment and	l lading)		Mile
23	Single vehicl	e: 8,000 or less	25 miles or less	\$3.00
24	Single vehicl	e: 8-000 or less	Over 25 miles	\$2.50

 Single vehicle:
 8,001 to 12,000
 25 miles or less
 \$3.40

 Single vehicle:
 8,001 to 12,000
 Over 25 miles
 \$3.00

 Single vehicle:
 12,001 to 40,000
 Any
 \$5.75

 Single vehicle:
 40,000 or over
 Any
 \$6.75

 Combination of vehicles
 Any
 \$6.75

E. Hourly Rates.

1. Rates in this subsection shall apply for the use of a wrecker vehicle and shall include services of the operator of such wrecker, except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection.

Rates shall apply for all wrecker or towing services performed that are not otherwise provided for in this section, including, but not limited to, waiting and standby time, but shall not include the first fifteen (15) minutes of service following the hookup of a vehicle when a hookup fee is assessed, as provided in subsection F of this section.

Hourly rates shall apply from the time the vehicle or labor is assigned to the service call until the time it is released from service either upon return to the premises of the wrecker or towing service or upon being assigned to perform another wrecker or towing service, whichever occurs first. Whenever a wrecker vehicle is used to tow a vehicle subject to distance rates, as provided in subsection D of this section, hourly rates shall apply only for the time such wrecker is used in the performance of services other than transportation, except when such hourly rates are used in lieu of

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    sufficient documentation to establish when the hourly rate begins
    and ends. The hourly rates established in this subsection shall be
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    modified annually based on the year-to-year percentage change of the
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    Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. The Corporation
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    Commission shall make the calculation for new hourly rates and
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    notify all wreckers and towing services eligible to perform
    nonconsensual towing services of the new rates. The rate
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    calculation may be subject to amendment upon application before the
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    Commission showing good cause that the calculation was made in
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    error. New rates, as calculated by the Commission, shall supersede
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    the hourly rates in this subsection starting on November 1, 2026.
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        As used in this subsection, rates stated per hour apply for
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    whole hours and, for fractions of an hour, rates stated per fifteen
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    (15) minutes apply for each fifteen (15) minutes or fraction thereof
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    over seven and one-half (7 1/2) minutes. However, if the service
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    subject to an hourly rate is performed in less than two (2) hours,
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    the charge applicable for two (2) hours \frac{may}{r} shall be assessed.
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    except as provided for in subsection D of this section.
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        2. Maximum hourly rates for wrecker or towing services
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    performed for passenger vehicles, when rates for such services are
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    not otherwise provided for by law, shall be as follows:
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    Weight of Towed Passenger Vehicle Rate Per
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such distance rates. A wrecker or towing service shall maintain

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(In pounds)

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15 Minutes

1	Single vehicle: 8,000 or less	\$60.00	\$15.00
2	Single vehicle: 8,001 to 24,000	\$80.00	\$20.00
3	Single vehicle: 24,001 to 44,000	\$120.00	\$30.00
4	Single vehicle: 44,001 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00
5	Combination of vehicles	\$180.00	\$45.00
6	3. Maximum hourly rates for a	all other wrecker	or towing
7	services, when rates for such other	er services are no	ot otherwise
8	provided for by law, shall be dete	ermined based upor	the gross
9	 vehicle weight rating of each wre c	cker vehicle used	as follows:
10	GVWR of Wrecker Vehicle	Rate Per	Rate Per
11	(In pounds)	Hour	15 Minutes
12	8,000 or less	\$60.00	\$15.00
13	8,001 to 24,000	\$80.00	\$20.00
14	24,001 to 44,000	\$120.00	\$30.00
15	44,001 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00
16	Combination wrecker vehicle		
17	with GVWR of 24,000 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00
18	4. a. Maximum hourly rate:	s for extra labor	shall be Thirty
19	Dollars (\$30.00) pe	r person per hour .	-
20	b. Maximum hourly rate:	s for skilled or s	specialized labor
21	and/or equipment sha	all be the actual	-customary and
22	ordinary rates chare	ged for such labor	c and/or
23	equipment. When sk	illed or speciali z	zed labor or
24	equipment is require	ed, the wrecker of	perator's cost for

such skilled or specialized labor or equipment plus a twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup to cover overhead costs for such labor will be added to the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable charges.

F. Hookup Rates.

1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the hookup of a vehicle to a wrecker vehicle when such hookup is performed in connection with a wrecker or towing service described in this section. Such hookup rate shall include the first fifteen (15) minutes of such service, for which there shall be no additional fee charged, but shall not include the use of a dolly or rollback equipment or a combination wrecker vehicle to accomplish such hookup, for which an additional fee may be charged as provided in subsection G of this section. Hookup shall include, but not be limited to, the attachment of a vehicle to or the loading of a vehicle onto a wrecker vehicle.

2. Maximum hookup rates shall be as follows:

Weight of Vehicle Being Hooked Up

(In pounds, including equipment Rate

21 | and lading)

22 | Single vehicle: 8,000 or less \$65.00

23 | Single vehicle: 8,001 to 12,000 \$75.00

24 | Single vehicle: 12,001 to 24,000 \$85.00

1	Single vehicle: 24,001 or over \$95.00
2	Combination of vehicles \$95.00
3	G. Additional Service Rates.
4	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the performance of
5	the following services:
6	a. the disconnection and reconnection of a towed
7	vehicle's drive line when necessary to prevent
8	mechanical damage to such vehicle,
9	b. the removal and replacement of a towed vehicle's axle
10	when necessary to prevent mechanical damage to such
11	vehicle, or
12	c. the use of a dolly or rollback equipment when
13	essential to prevent mechanical damage to a towed
14	vehicle or when neither end of such vehicle is capable
15	of being towed safely while in contact with the
16	roadway.
17	2. Maximum additional service rates shall be as follows:
18	Weight of Towed Service Performed
19	Vehicle (In pounds, Disconnect Reconnect Use of Dolly
20	including equipment Drive Line; Drive Line; or Rollback
21	and lading) Remove Axle Replace Axle Equipment
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23	8,000 or less \$10.00 \$15.00 \$25.00
24	8,001 to 12,000 \$15.00 \$20.00 \$30.00

1	Rate Per 15 Minutes of Service Performed
2	12,001 or over \$20.00 \$20.00 Not applicable
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4	<u>a.</u> for vehicles weighing twenty-six thousand (26,000)
5	pounds or
6	less, the rate shall be One Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars
7	(\$199.00) for each hour of service, with a two (2)
8	hour minimum; and
9	b. for vehicles weighing twenty-six thousand one (26,001)
10	pounds or more, the rate shall be Two Hundred Ninety-
11	nine Dollars (\$299.00) for each hour of service, with
12	a two (2) hour minimum.
13	$\overline{ ext{D.}}$ An operator shall be required to provide reasonable
14	documentation to substantiate all lawful fees charged the owner,
15	lienholder, agent or insurer paying the claim for the towed vehicle.
16	Fees for which the operator is being reimbursed or having paid to a
17	third party, shall include copies of the invoice or other
18	appropriate documents to substantiate such payment to said third
19	party.
20	I. Wrecker fees, including maximum distance, hourly, and hookup
21	rates shall be adjusted weekly by adding a fuel surcharge as
22	provided in this section. The fuel surcharge shall be based on the
23	Department of Energy "weekly retail on-highway diesel prices" for
24	the "Midwest region" using Two Dollars (\$2.00) per gallon as the

base price with no fees added. The wrecker fees shall be adjusted to allow a one-percent increase in fees for every ten-cent increase in fuel cost starting at Two Dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) per gallon.

J. E. When skilled or specialized labor or equipment is required, the cost incurred by the wrecker operator for such skilled or specialized labor or equipment plus an additional twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup or gross profit margin shall be allowed to cover overhead costs for such labor and will be added to the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable charges. This applies to labor and equipment not regulated by the Commission.

K. F. Wrecker operators shall be allowed to obtain ownership and insurer information, including accident reports and other public records, from the Oklahoma Tax Commission Service Oklahoma or other states' motor vehicle agencies or from law enforcement agencies for the purpose of determining ownership and responsibility for wrecker fees. In the event a state of origin is not known, the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission Service Oklahoma shall assist in providing such information. The wrecker operator is authorized to collect lawful fees for such costs and services from the owner, lienholder that seeks possession of a vehicle under a security interest, agent, or insurer accepting liability for paying

- 1 the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss
 2 vehicle from the owner of any towed or stored vehicle.
- 3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.2, as
 4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024,
 5 Section 953.2), is amended to read as follows:

- Section 953.2. A. The rates established by order of the Corporation Commission shall determine the maximum fees and charges for the storage and after-hours release of nonconsensual towed vehicles, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing service licensed by the Department of Public Safety and repair facilities as defined in Section 953 of Title 15 of the Oklahoma Statutes. No wrecker or towing service or repair facilities shall charge any fee for nonconsensual towed vehicles and storage which exceeds the maximum rates established by the Commission. Such rates shall be in addition to any other rates, fees or charges authorized, allowed or required by law, including environmental remediation fees and services.
- B. 1. Storage or after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or both, provided by a wrecker or towing service or by a repair facility shall be recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as prescribed by rules of the Department.
- 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator or repair facility who has provided or caused to be provided storage or after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or both, to require

prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of any charges incurred for providing such services.

- 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator or repair facility to charge a fee for the storage or after-hours release, or both, of any towed vehicle.
- 4. The operator or repair facility is authorized to collect all lawful fees in acceptable forms of payment such as through check, credit card, automated clearing house transfer, or debit card from the owner, lienholder or agent of the towed vehicle or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner for the performance of any and all such services. An operator or repair facility shall make the towed vehicle available for inspection by the owner, lien holder, agent of the towed vehicle, or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle and shall release the vehicle from storage upon authorization from the owner, agent or lienholder of the vehicle or in the case of a total loss, the insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the vehicle or purchasing the vehicle where the vehicle is to be moved to an insurance pool yard for sale.
- C. The rates in subsections D through F of this section shall be applicable until superseded by rates established by the Commission.
 - D. Outdoor Storage Rates.

1	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the outdoor storage
2	of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed
3	vehicle is brought onto the outdoor storage facility premises.
4	Rates shall apply to each calendar day of outdoor storage; provided,
5	the maximum twenty-four-hour fee, as provided for in this section,
6	may be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion
7	of a twenty-four-hour period. The hourly rates established in this
8	subsection shall be modified annually based on the year-to-year
9	percentage change of the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price
10	Index. The Corporation Commission shall make the calculation for
11	new hourly rates and notify all wreckers and towing services
12	eligible to perform nonconsensual towing services of the new rates.
13	The rate calculation may be subject to amendment upon application
14	before the Commission showing good cause that the calculation was
15	made in error.

2. Maximum outdoor storage rates shall be as follows:

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17		Rate per Each
18		24-hour Period or
19	Type of Towed Vehicle	Portion Thereof
20	Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile,	
21	or light truck up to 20 feet in length	\$15.00 <u>\$23.94</u>
22	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles	
23	over 20 feet in length but less than 30	
24	feet in length	\$20.00 \$31.92

1	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles
2	over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet
3	in width \$25.00 \$39.90
4	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles
5	over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet
6	in width \$35.00 \(\frac{\$55.86}{}{}
7	E. Indoor Storage Rates.
8	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the indoor storage
9	of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed
10	vehicle is brought into the indoor storage facility premises. Rates
11	shall apply to each calendar day of indoor storage; provided, the
12	maximum twenty-four-hour fee, as provided for in this section, may
13	be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion of a
14	twenty-four-hour period.
15	2. Maximum indoor storage rates shall be as follows:
16	Rate per Each
17	24-hour Period or
18	Type of Towed Vehicle Portion Thereof
19	Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile,
20	Single venicle. motorcycle, automobile,
20	or light truck up to 20 feet in length \$25.00 \$39.90
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	or light truck up to 20 feet in length \$25.00 \$39.90
21	or light truck up to 20 feet in length \$25.00 \$39.90 Single vehicle or combination of vehicles

Single vehicle or combination of vehicles

over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet

in width

Single vehicle or combination of vehicles

over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet

in width

\$45.00 \$71.82

- 3. For purposes of this subsection, "indoor storage" means the vehicle is kept in an enclosed facility.
 - F. After-Hours Release Rate.

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- 1. The rate in this subsection shall apply to the release of a towed vehicle to the owner, lienholder, or agent when such release occurs at a time other than normal business hours.
 - 2. As used in this subsection:
 - a. "after-hours release rate" shall mean the rate charged for the release of a towed vehicle between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m., or between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight Monday through Friday, or any time on Saturday, Sunday or a national holiday, and
 - b. "national holiday" shall mean New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, on the third Monday in February, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and shall further include the Friday before such national holiday which falls on a Saturday

and the Monday following such national holiday which falls on a Sunday.

- 3. The maximum after-hours release rate shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per quarter hour for the release of any single vehicle or combination of vehicles.
- G. An operator or repair facility shall be required to provide reasonable documentation to substantiate all lawful fees charged the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the towed vehicle or purchasing the towed vehicle.

 Fees for which the operator or repair facility is being reimbursed, or having paid to a third party, shall include copies of the invoice or other appropriate documents to substantiate the payment to the third party.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 966, is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 966. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011".
 - B. The provisions of this act shall apply to every wrecker operating within the State of Oklahoma removing and storing vehicles from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property as a result of a nonconsensual tow.
- C. The Corporation Commission, by Commission order, shall have the power and authority necessary:

1. To establish, supervise, and enforce wrecker rates for the transportation and storage of motor vehicles removed due to a nonconsensual tow from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property;

2. To supervise and enforce such rates; and

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- 3. To mediate and adjudicate complaints that may arise from charges assessed as a result of such vehicle removal.
- D. Rates as specified in Sections 953.1 and 953.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall remain in effect until rates are established by order of the Commission.
- E. Rates established by the Commission shall be fair and reasonable.
- F. The Commission may assess fines or other penalties to any wrecker or towing service for failure to comply with prescribed rates as established by the Commission, failure to pay a levied assessment or comply with any applicable order of the Commission.

 Repeat violations by a wrecker or towing service are cause for revocation of its license issued by the Department of Public Safety.
- G. The Department shall cooperate with the Commission to implement this act and may enter into agreements to facilitate this act.
- H. The Corporation Commission shall review the rates wrecker
 and tow services companies may charge for nonconsensual tows and, if
 necessary, change the rates, following notice and hearing. This

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    review shall begin no later than two (2) years following the
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    implementation of new rates resulting from the prior rate review
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    case. The Commission shall engage an independent expert witness to
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    evaluate the rates who shall provide recommendations to the
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    Commission for rate adjustment by Commission Order. Notice of such
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    recommendation shall be provided to the Governor, the President Pro
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    Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
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    Oklahoma House of Representatives. The cost of the expert witness,
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    as determined by the Commission, shall be added to the assessment of
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    annual fees found in Section 967 of this title.
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        SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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