

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 773, Page 16, Section 304.065, Line 3, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "304.154. 1. Beginning January 1, [2005] 2014, a towing company operating a tow truck
5 pursuant to the authority granted in section 304.155 or 304.157 shall:

6 (1) Have and occupy a verifiable business address and display such address in a location
7 visible from the street;

8 (2) Have a fenced, secure, and lighted storage lot or an enclosed, secure building for the
9 storage of motor vehicles, with a total area for storing vehicles, either inside or outside, of at least
10 two thousand square feet and fencing a minimum of seven feet high;

11 (3) Be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Availability shall mean that an
12 employee of the towing company or an answering service answered by a person is able to respond to
13 a tow request;

14 (5) Have and maintain an operational telephone with the telephone number published or
15 available through directory assistance;

16 [(4)] (6) Maintain a valid insurance policy issued by an insurer authorized to do business in
17 this state, or a bond or other acceptable surety providing coverage for the death of, or injury to,
18 persons and damage to property for each accident or occurrence in the amount [of at least five
19 hundred thousand dollars per incident] prescribed by the United States Department of
20 Transportation;

21 [(5)] (7) Provide workers' compensation insurance for all employees of the towing company
22 if required by chapter 287; [and]

23 [(6)] (8) Maintain current motor vehicle registrations on all tow trucks currently operated
24 within the towing company fleet.

25 2. The initial tow performed under sections 304.155 and 304.157 shall remain in the state of
26 Missouri unless authorized by the vehicle owner or their agent.

27 3. Tows performed under section 304.155 shall not be dispatched through a third party
28 dispatch system or management company, unless hired by the towing company.

29 4. Counties may adopt ordinances with respect to towing company standards in addition to the
30 minimum standards contained in this section. A towing company located in a county of the second,
31 third, [and] or fourth classification or located in any county of the first classification with more than
32 one hundred one thousand but fewer than one hundred fifteen thousand inhabitants or located in any
33 county of the third classification without a township form of government and with more than
34 twenty-three thousand but fewer than twenty-six thousand inhabitants and with a city of the fourth
35 classification with more than two thousand four hundred but fewer than two thousand seven hundred
36 inhabitants as the county seat is exempt from the provisions of this section."; and

Action Taken _____ Date _____

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2 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
3 accordingly.
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