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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to towing and immobilizing vehicles  
3           and vessels; amending ss. 125.0103 and 166.043, F.S.;  
4           authorizing local governments to enact rates to tow or  
5           immobilize vessels on private property and to remove  
6           and store vessels under specified circumstances;  
7           requiring counties to establish maximum rates for such  
8           towing, immobilization, removal, and storage of  
9           vessels; providing applicability; creating s.  
10          125.01047, F.S.; prohibiting counties from enacting  
11          certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or  
12          charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing  
13          businesses; defining the term "towing business";  
14          providing exceptions; authorizing authorized wrecker  
15          operators or towing businesses to impose and collect a  
16          certain administrative fee or charge on behalf of the  
17          county, subject to certain requirements; providing  
18          applicability; providing construction; prohibiting a  
19          certain charter county from imposing any new business  
20          tax, fee, or charge that was not in effect on a  
21          specified date on a towing business or an authorized  
22          wrecker operator; providing restrictions and  
23          requirements on a certain administrative fee or charge  
24          imposed and collected by such charter county; defining  
25          the term "charter county"; creating s. 166.04465,  
26          F.S.; prohibiting municipalities from enacting certain  
27          ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on  
28          authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses;  
29          defining the term "towing business"; providing

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30 exceptions; authorizing authorized wrecker operators  
31 or towing businesses to impose and collect a certain  
32 administrative fee or charge on behalf of the  
33 municipality, subject to certain requirements;  
34 amending s. 323.002, F.S.; prohibiting counties or  
35 municipalities from adopting or maintaining in effect  
36 certain ordinances or rules that impose charges,  
37 costs, expenses, fines, fees, or penalties on  
38 authorized wrecker operators or registered owners, or  
39 other legally authorized persons in control of  
40 vehicles or vessels under certain conditions;  
41 providing an exception; authorizing authorized wrecker  
42 operators or towing businesses to impose and collect a  
43 certain administrative fee or charge on behalf of  
44 counties or municipalities, subject to certain  
45 requirements; prohibiting counties or municipalities  
46 from enacting certain ordinances or rules that require  
47 authorized wrecker operators to accept a specified  
48 form of payment; requiring that a wrecker operator  
49 maintain an operable automatic teller machine for use  
50 by the public under certain circumstances; providing  
51 exceptions; providing applicability; authorizing  
52 certain charter counties to impose a charge, cost,  
53 expense, fine, fee, or penalty on an authorized  
54 wrecker operator in connection with a certain  
55 violation; amending s. 713.78, F.S.; authorizing  
56 certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels  
57 to recover specified fees or charges; amending s.  
58 715.07, F.S.; revising requirements regarding notices

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59 and signs concerning the towing or removal of vehicles  
60 or vessels; deleting a requirement that a certain  
61 receipt be signed; prohibiting counties or  
62 municipalities from enacting certain ordinances or  
63 rules that require towing businesses to accept a  
64 specified form of payment; requiring that a towing  
65 business maintain an operable automatic teller machine  
66 for use by the public under certain circumstances;  
67 providing applicability; providing an effective date.  
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69 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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71 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
72 section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

73 125.0103 Ordinances and rules imposing price controls;  
74 findings required; procedures.—

75 (1)

76 (b) ~~The provisions of~~ This section does ~~shall~~ not prevent  
77 the enactment by local governments of public service rates  
78 otherwise authorized by law, including water, sewer, solid  
79 waste, public transportation, taxicab, or port rates, rates for  
80 towing of vehicles or vessels from or immobilization of vehicles  
81 or vessels on private property, or rates for removal and storage  
82 of wrecked or disabled vehicles or vessels from an accident  
83 scene or the removal and storage of vehicles or vessels in the  
84 event the owner or operator is incapacitated, unavailable,  
85 leaves the procurement of wrecker service to the law enforcement  
86 officer at the scene, or otherwise does not consent to the  
87 removal of the vehicle or vessel.

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88 (c) Counties must establish maximum rates that ~~which~~ may be  
89 charged on the towing of vehicles or vessels from or  
90 immobilization of vehicles or vessels on private property,  
91 removal and storage of wrecked or disabled vehicles or vessels  
92 from an accident scene, or for the removal and storage of  
93 vehicles or vessels, in the event the owner or operator is  
94 incapacitated, unavailable, leaves the procurement of wrecker  
95 service to the law enforcement officer at the scene, or  
96 otherwise does not consent to the removal of the vehicle or  
97 vessel. However, if a municipality chooses to enact an ordinance  
98 establishing the maximum rates ~~fees~~ for the towing or  
99 immobilization of vehicles or vessels as described in paragraph  
100 (b), the county's ordinance does ~~shall~~ not apply within such  
101 municipality.

102 Section 2. Section 125.01047, Florida Statutes, is created  
103 to read:

104 125.01047 Rules and ordinances relating to towing  
105 services.-

106 (1) A county may not enact an ordinance or rule that would  
107 impose a fee or charge on an authorized wrecker operator, as  
108 defined in s. 323.002(1), or on a towing business for towing,  
109 impounding, or storing a vehicle or vessel. As used in this  
110 section, the term "towing business" means a business that  
111 provides towing services for monetary gain.

112 (2) The prohibition set forth in subsection (1) does not  
113 affect a county's authority to:

114 (a) Levy a reasonable business tax under s. 205.0315, s.  
115 205.033, or s. 205.0535.

116 (b) Impose and collect a reasonable administrative fee or

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117 charge on the registered owner or other legally authorized  
118 person in control of a vehicle or vessel, not to exceed 25  
119 percent of the maximum towing rate, to cover the cost of  
120 enforcement, including parking enforcement, by the county when  
121 the vehicle or vessel is towed from public property. An  
122 authorized wrecker operator or towing business may impose and  
123 collect the administrative fee or charge on behalf of the county  
124 and shall remit such fee or charge to the county only after it  
125 is collected.

126 (3) (a) This section does not apply to a towing or  
127 immobilization licensing, regulatory, or enforcement program of  
128 a charter county in which at least 90 percent of the population  
129 resides in incorporated municipalities, or of a charter county  
130 with at least 38 incorporated municipalities within its  
131 territorial boundaries as of January 1, 2020. This section does  
132 not affect a charter county's authority to:

133 1. Impose and collect towing operating license fees,  
134 license renewal fees, license extension fees, expedite fees,  
135 storage site inspection or reinspection fees, criminal  
136 background check fees, and tow truck decal fees, including decal  
137 renewal fees, expedite fees, and decal replacement fees.

138 2. Impose and collect immobilization operating license  
139 fees, license extension fees, license renewal fees, expedite  
140 fees, and criminal background check fees.

141 3. Set maximum rates for the towing or immobilization of  
142 vehicles or vessels on private property, including rates based  
143 on different classes of towing vehicles, research fees,  
144 administrative fees, storage fees, and labor fees; rates for  
145 towing services performed or directed by governmental entities;

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146 road service rates; winch recovery rates; voluntary expediting  
147 fees for vehicle or vessel ownership verification; and to  
148 establish conditions in connection with the applicability or  
149 payment of maximum rates set for towing or immobilization of  
150 vehicles or vessels.

151 4. Impose and collect such other taxes, fees, or charges  
152 otherwise authorized by general law, special law, or county  
153 ordinance, resolution, or regulation.

154 (b) A charter county may impose and collect an  
155 administrative fee or charge as provided in paragraph (2) (b) but  
156 may not impose such fee or charge on a towing business or an  
157 authorized wrecker operator. If the charter county imposes such  
158 administrative fee or charge, the charter county may authorize a  
159 towing business or authorized wrecker operator to impose and  
160 collect such fee or charge on behalf of the county, and the  
161 towing business or authorized wrecker operator shall remit such  
162 fee or charge to the charter county only after it is collected.

163 (4) (a) Subsection (1) does not apply to a charter county  
164 that had a towing licensing, regulatory, or enforcement program  
165 in effect on January 1, 2020. However, such charter county may  
166 not impose any new business tax, fee, or charge that was not in  
167 effect as of January 1, 2020, on a towing business or an  
168 authorized wrecker operator.

169 (b) A charter county may impose and collect an  
170 administrative fee or charge as provided in paragraph (2) (b);  
171 however, it may not impose that fee or charge upon a towing  
172 business or an authorized wrecker operator. If such charter  
173 county imposes such administrative fee or charge, such fee or  
174 charge must be imposed on the registered owner or other legally

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175 authorized person in control of a vehicle or vessel. The fee or  
176 charge may not exceed 25 percent of the maximum towing rate to  
177 cover the cost of enforcement, including parking enforcement, by  
178 the charter county when the vehicle or vessel is towed from  
179 public property. The charter county may authorize an authorized  
180 wrecker operator or towing business to impose and collect the  
181 administrative fee or charge on behalf of the charter county,  
182 and the authorized wrecker operator or towing business shall  
183 remit such fee or charge to the charter county only after it is  
184 collected.

185 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the term "charter  
186 county" means a county as defined in s. 125.011(1).

187 Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
188 section 166.043, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

189 166.043 Ordinances and rules imposing price controls;  
190 findings required; procedures.—

191 (1)

192 (b) ~~The provisions of~~ This section does ~~shall~~ not prevent  
193 the enactment by local governments of public service rates  
194 otherwise authorized by law, including water, sewer, solid  
195 waste, public transportation, taxicab, or port rates, rates for  
196 towing of vehicles or vessels from or immobilization of vehicles  
197 or vessels on private property, or rates for removal and storage  
198 of wrecked or disabled vehicles or vessels from an accident  
199 scene or the removal and storage of vehicles or vessels in the  
200 event the owner or operator is incapacitated, unavailable,  
201 leaves the procurement of wrecker service to the law enforcement  
202 officer at the scene, or otherwise does not consent to the  
203 removal of the vehicle or vessel.

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204 (c) Counties must establish maximum rates that ~~which~~ may be  
205 charged on the towing of vehicles or vessels from or  
206 immobilization of vehicles or vessels on private property,  
207 removal and storage of wrecked or disabled vehicles or vessels  
208 from an accident scene, or for the removal and storage of  
209 vehicles or vessels, in the event the owner or operator is  
210 incapacitated, unavailable, leaves the procurement of wrecker  
211 service to the law enforcement officer at the scene, or  
212 otherwise does not consent to the removal of the vehicle or  
213 vessel. However, if a municipality chooses to enact an ordinance  
214 establishing the maximum rates ~~fees~~ for the towing or  
215 immobilization of vehicles or vessels as described in paragraph  
216 (b), the county's ordinance established under s. 125.0103 does  
217 ~~shall~~ not apply within such municipality.

218 Section 4. Section 166.04465, Florida Statutes, is created  
219 to read:

220 166.04465 Rules and ordinances relating to towing  
221 services.-

222 (1) A municipality may not enact an ordinance or rule that  
223 would impose a fee or charge on an authorized wrecker operator,  
224 as defined in s. 323.002(1), or on a towing business for towing,  
225 impounding, or storing a vehicle or vessel. As used in this  
226 section, the term "towing business" means a business that  
227 provides towing services for monetary gain.

228 (2) The prohibition set forth in subsection (1) does not  
229 affect a municipality's authority to:

230 (a) Levy a reasonable business tax under s. 205.0315, s.  
231 205.043, or s. 205.0535.

232 (b) Impose and collect a reasonable administrative fee or



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233 charge on the registered owner or other legally authorized  
234 person in control of a vehicle or vessel, not to exceed 25  
235 percent of the maximum towing rate, to cover the cost of  
236 enforcement, including parking enforcement, by the municipality  
237 when the vehicle or vessel is towed from public property. An  
238 authorized wrecker operator or towing business may impose and  
239 collect the administrative fee or charge on behalf of the  
240 municipality and shall remit such fee or charge to the  
241 municipality only after it is collected.

242 Section 5. Present subsection (4) of section 323.002,  
243 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and new  
244 subsections (4) and (5) are added to that section, to read:

245 323.002 County and municipal wrecker operator systems;  
246 penalties for operation outside of system.-

247 (4) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a county or  
248 municipality may not adopt or maintain in effect an ordinance or  
249 rule that imposes a charge, cost, expense, fine, fee, or penalty  
250 on an authorized wrecker operator, the registered owner, or  
251 another legally authorized person in control of a vehicle or  
252 vessel when the vehicle or vessel is towed by an authorized  
253 wrecker operator under this chapter.

254 (b) A county or municipality may adopt or maintain an  
255 ordinance or rule that imposes a reasonable administrative fee  
256 or charge on the registered owner or other legally authorized  
257 person in control of a vehicle or vessel that is towed by an  
258 authorized wrecker operator, not to exceed 25 percent of the  
259 maximum towing rate, to cover the cost of enforcement, including  
260 parking enforcement, by the county or municipality when the  
261 vehicle or vessel is towed from public property. An authorized

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262 wrecker operator or towing business may impose and collect the  
263 administrative fee or charge on behalf of the county or  
264 municipality and shall remit such fee or charge to the county or  
265 municipality only after it is collected.

266 (c) A county or municipality may not enact an ordinance or  
267 rule that requires an authorized wrecker operator to accept a  
268 credit card as a form of payment. However, if an authorized  
269 wrecker operator does not accept a credit card, the wrecker  
270 operator must maintain an operable automatic teller machine for  
271 use by the public at its place of business. This paragraph does  
272 not apply to a county or municipality that adopted an ordinance  
273 or rule before January 1, 2020, requiring an authorized wrecker  
274 operator to accept a credit card as a form of payment.

275 (5) Subsection (4) does not apply to the towing or  
276 immobilization licensing, regulatory, or enforcement program of  
277 a charter county described in s. 125.01047(3) or (4). Such  
278 charter county may impose a charge, cost, expense, fine, fee, or  
279 penalty on an authorized wrecker operator in connection with a  
280 violation of the towing or immobilization program requirements  
281 as set forth by ordinance, resolution, or regulation.

282 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 713.78, Florida  
283 Statutes, is amended to read:

284 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles  
285 and vessels.—

286 (2) Whenever a person regularly engaged in the business of  
287 transporting vehicles or vessels by wrecker, tow truck, or car  
288 carrier recovers, removes, or stores a vehicle or vessel upon  
289 instructions from:

290 (a) The owner thereof;

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291 (b) The owner or lessor, or a person authorized by the  
292 owner or lessor, of property on which such vehicle or vessel is  
293 wrongfully parked, and the removal is done in compliance with s.  
294 715.07;

295 (c) The landlord or a person authorized by the landlord,  
296 when such motor vehicle or vessel remained on the premises after  
297 the tenancy terminated and the removal is done in compliance  
298 with s. 83.806 or s. 715.104; or

299 (d) Any law enforcement agency,

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301 she or he shall have a lien on the vehicle or vessel for a  
302 reasonable towing fee, for a reasonable administrative fee or  
303 charge imposed by a county or municipality, and for a reasonable  
304 storage fee; except that a ~~no~~ storage fee may not ~~shall~~ be  
305 charged if the vehicle or vessel is stored for fewer ~~less~~ than 6  
306 hours.

307 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 715.07, Florida  
308 Statutes, is amended to read:

309 715.07 Vehicles or vessels parked on private property;  
310 towing.—

311 (2) The owner or lessee of real property, or any person  
312 authorized by the owner or lessee, which person may be the  
313 designated representative of the condominium association if the  
314 real property is a condominium, may cause any vehicle or vessel  
315 parked on such property without her or his permission to be  
316 removed by a person regularly engaged in the business of towing  
317 vehicles or vessels, without liability for the costs of removal,  
318 transportation, or storage or damages caused by such removal,  
319 transportation, or storage, under any of the following

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320 circumstances:

321 (a) The towing or removal of any vehicle or vessel from  
322 private property without the consent of the registered owner or  
323 other legally authorized person in control of that vehicle or  
324 vessel is subject to strict compliance with the following  
325 conditions and restrictions:

326 1.a. Any towed or removed vehicle or vessel must be stored  
327 at a site within a 10-mile radius of the point of removal in any  
328 county of 500,000 population or more, and within a 15-mile  
329 radius of the point of removal in any county of fewer ~~less~~ than  
330 500,000 population. That site must be open for the purpose of  
331 redemption of vehicles on any day that the person or firm towing  
332 such vehicle or vessel is open for towing purposes, from 8:00  
333 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and, when closed, shall have prominently  
334 posted a sign indicating a telephone number where the operator  
335 of the site can be reached at all times. Upon receipt of a  
336 telephoned request to open the site to redeem a vehicle or  
337 vessel, the operator shall return to the site within 1 hour or  
338 she or he will be in violation of this section.

339 b. If no towing business providing such service is located  
340 within the area of towing limitations set forth in sub-  
341 subparagraph a., the following limitations apply: any towed or  
342 removed vehicle or vessel must be stored at a site within a 20-  
343 mile radius of the point of removal in any county of 500,000  
344 population or more, and within a 30-mile radius of the point of  
345 removal in any county of fewer ~~less~~ than 500,000 population.

346 2. The person or firm towing or removing the vehicle or  
347 vessel shall, within 30 minutes after completion of such towing  
348 or removal, notify the municipal police department or, in an

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349 unincorporated area, the sheriff, of such towing or removal, the  
350 storage site, the time the vehicle or vessel was towed or  
351 removed, and the make, model, color, and license plate number of  
352 the vehicle or description and registration number of the vessel  
353 and shall obtain the name of the person at that department to  
354 whom such information was reported and note that name on the  
355 trip record.

356 3. A person in the process of towing or removing a vehicle  
357 or vessel from the premises or parking lot in which the vehicle  
358 or vessel is not lawfully parked must stop when a person seeks  
359 the return of the vehicle or vessel. The vehicle or vessel must  
360 be returned upon the payment of a reasonable service fee of not  
361 more than one-half of the posted rate for the towing or removal  
362 service as provided in subparagraph 6. The vehicle or vessel may  
363 be towed or removed if, after a reasonable opportunity, the  
364 owner or legally authorized person in control of the vehicle or  
365 vessel is unable to pay the service fee. If the vehicle or  
366 vessel is redeemed, a detailed signed receipt must be given to  
367 the person redeeming the vehicle or vessel.

368 4. A person may not pay or accept money or other valuable  
369 consideration for the privilege of towing or removing vehicles  
370 or vessels from a particular location.

371 5. Except for property appurtenant to and obviously a part  
372 of a single-family residence, and except for instances when  
373 notice is personally given to the owner or other legally  
374 authorized person in control of the vehicle or vessel that the  
375 area in which that vehicle or vessel is parked is reserved or  
376 otherwise unavailable for unauthorized vehicles or vessels and  
377 that the vehicle or vessel is subject to being removed at the

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378 owner's or operator's expense, any property owner or lessee, or  
379 person authorized by the property owner or lessee, before ~~prior~~  
380 ~~to~~ towing or removing any vehicle or vessel from private  
381 property without the consent of the owner or other legally  
382 authorized person in control of that vehicle or vessel, must  
383 post a notice meeting the following requirements:

384 a. The notice must be prominently placed at each driveway  
385 access or curb cut allowing vehicular access to the property,  
386 within 10 ~~5~~ feet from the road as defined in s. 334.03(22)  
387 ~~public right-of-way line~~. If there are no curbs or access  
388 barriers, the signs must be posted not fewer ~~less~~ than one sign  
389 for each 25 feet of lot frontage.

390 b. The notice must clearly indicate, in not fewer ~~less~~ than  
391 2-inch high, light-reflective letters on a contrasting  
392 background, that unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the  
393 owner's expense. The words "tow-away zone" must be included on  
394 the sign in not fewer ~~less~~ than 4-inch high letters.

395 c. The notice must also provide the name and current  
396 telephone number of the person or firm towing or removing the  
397 vehicles or vessels.

398 d. The sign structure containing the required notices must  
399 be permanently installed with the words "tow-away zone" not less  
400 than 3 feet and not more than 6 feet above ground level and must  
401 be continuously maintained on the property for not fewer ~~less~~  
402 than 24 hours before ~~prior to~~ the towing or removal of any  
403 vehicles or vessels.

404 e. The local government may require permitting and  
405 inspection of these signs before ~~prior to~~ any towing or removal  
406 of vehicles or vessels being authorized.

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407 f. A business with 20 or fewer parking spaces satisfies the  
408 notice requirements of this subparagraph by prominently  
409 displaying a sign stating "Reserved Parking for Customers Only  
410 Unauthorized Vehicles or Vessels Will be Towed Away At the  
411 Owner's Expense" in not less than 4-inch high, light-reflective  
412 letters on a contrasting background.

413 g. A property owner towing or removing vessels from real  
414 property must post notice, consistent with the requirements in  
415 sub-subparagraphs a.-f., which apply to vehicles, that  
416 unauthorized vehicles or vessels will be towed away at the  
417 owner's expense.

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419 A business owner or lessee may authorize the removal of a  
420 vehicle or vessel by a towing company when the vehicle or vessel  
421 is parked in such a manner that restricts the normal operation  
422 of business; and if a vehicle or vessel parked on a public  
423 right-of-way obstructs access to a private driveway the owner,  
424 lessee, or agent may have the vehicle or vessel removed by a  
425 towing company upon signing an order that the vehicle or vessel  
426 be removed without a posted tow-away zone sign.

427 6. Any person or firm that tows or removes vehicles or  
428 vessels and proposes to require an owner, operator, or person in  
429 control or custody of a vehicle or vessel to pay the costs of  
430 towing and storage before ~~prior to~~ redemption of the vehicle or  
431 vessel must file and keep on record with the local law  
432 enforcement agency a complete copy of the current rates to be  
433 charged for such services and post at the storage site an  
434 identical rate schedule and any written contracts with property  
435 owners, lessees, or persons in control of property which

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436 authorize such person or firm to remove vehicles or vessels as  
437 provided in this section.

438 7. Any person or firm towing or removing any vehicles or  
439 vessels from private property without the consent of the owner  
440 or other legally authorized person in control or custody of the  
441 vehicles or vessels shall, on any trucks, wreckers as defined in  
442 s. 713.78(1)(c), or other vehicles used in the towing or  
443 removal, have the name, address, and telephone number of the  
444 company performing such service clearly printed in contrasting  
445 colors on the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle. The  
446 name shall be in at least 3-inch permanently affixed letters,  
447 and the address and telephone number shall be in at least 1-inch  
448 permanently affixed letters.

449 8. Vehicle entry for the purpose of removing the vehicle or  
450 vessel shall be allowed with reasonable care on the part of the  
451 person or firm towing the vehicle or vessel. Such person or firm  
452 shall be liable for any damage occasioned to the vehicle or  
453 vessel if such entry is not in accordance with the standard of  
454 reasonable care.

455 9. When a vehicle or vessel has been towed or removed  
456 pursuant to this section, it must be released to its owner or  
457 person in control or custody ~~custodian~~ within 1 ~~one~~ hour after  
458 requested. Any vehicle or vessel owner or person in control or  
459 custody has ~~agent shall have~~ the right to inspect the vehicle or  
460 vessel before accepting its return, and no release or waiver of  
461 any kind which would release the person or firm towing the  
462 vehicle or vessel from liability for damages noted by the owner  
463 or person in control or custody ~~other legally authorized person~~  
464 at the time of the redemption may be required from any vehicle



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465 or vessel owner or person in control or custody, ~~custodian, or~~  
466 ~~agent~~ as a condition of release of the vehicle or vessel to its  
467 owner or person in control or custody. A detailed, ~~signed~~  
468 receipt showing the legal name of the company or person towing  
469 or removing the vehicle or vessel must be given to the person  
470 paying towing or storage charges at the time of payment, whether  
471 requested or not.

472 (b) These requirements are minimum standards and do not  
473 preclude enactment of additional regulations by any municipality  
474 or county including the right to regulate rates when vehicles or  
475 vessels are towed from private property, except that a county or  
476 municipality may not enact an ordinance or rule that requires a  
477 towing business to accept a credit card as a form of payment.  
478 However, if a towing business does not accept a credit card, the  
479 towing business must maintain an operable automatic teller  
480 machine for use by the public at its place of business. This  
481 paragraph does not apply to a county or municipality that  
482 adopted an ordinance or rule before January 1, 2020, requiring a  
483 towing business to accept a credit card as a form of payment.

484 Section 8. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.