

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5568

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to business location requirements for registered tow truck operators.

Brief Description: Clarifying business location requirements for tow truck operators.

Sponsors: Senators Prentice and Benton.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/4/02 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Business license locations for registered tow truck operators are defined.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Fisher, Chair; Cooper, Vice Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Mitchell, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen, Haigh, Hankins, Hatfield, Holmquist, Jackley, Jarrett, Mielke, Morell, Murray, Ogden, Reardon, Rockefeller, Romero, Schindler, Simpson, Skinner, Sullivan, Wood and Woods.

Staff: Penny Nerup (786-7335).

Background:

The business location of a registered tow truck operator is the location in which its files are kept. Registered tow truck operators may have multiple business locations, each of which are required to have a separate registration.

Summary of Bill:

The business location of a registered tow truck operator serves as its business location for all purposes including for business licensure. Registered tow truck operators are exempt

from licensing in a political subdivision based solely upon an operator picking up or delivering a towed vehicle within the political subdivision.

However, a registered tow truck operator may be required to have a business license: 1) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has a fixed place of business, 2) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has a contract with police agencies to perform law enforcement impounds, or 3) in a jurisdiction in which the operator has contracts with businesses to perform private impounds.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill solves the problems that occurred in prior bills. It keeps tow truck operators from having to get a business license just because they pick up a tow in a jurisdiction, but provides for exceptions where there is a contract.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Stu Halsan, Washington Tow Truck Association.