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By Representatives Fey, McCaslin, and Goodman

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1 AN ACT Relating to the termination of towing fees; and amending  
2 RCW 46.55.063.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.55.063 and 1995 c 360 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) An operator shall file a fee schedule with the department.  
7 All filed fees must be adequate to cover the costs of service  
8 provided. No fees may exceed those filed with the department. At  
9 least ten days before the effective date of any change in an  
10 operator's fee schedule, the registered tow truck operator shall file  
11 the revised fee schedule with the department.

12 (2) Towing contracts with private property owners shall be in  
13 written form and state the hours of authorization to impound, the  
14 persons empowered to authorize the impounds, and the present charge  
15 of a private impound for the classes of tow trucks to be used in the  
16 impound, and must be retained in the files of the registered tow  
17 truck operator for three years.

18 (3) A fee that is charged for tow truck service must be  
19 calculated on an hourly basis, and after the first hour must be  
20 charged to the nearest quarter hour.

1           (4) Fees that are charged for the storage of a vehicle, or for  
2 other items of personal property registered or titled with the  
3 department, must be calculated on a twenty-four hour basis and must  
4 be charged to the nearest half day from the time the (~~vehicle~~  
5 ~~arrived~~) operator has unloaded the vehicle and completed the  
6 necessary paperwork at the secure storage area. However, items of  
7 personal property registered or titled with the department that are  
8 wholly contained within an impounded vehicle are not subject to  
9 additional storage fees; they are, however, subject to satisfying the  
10 underlying lien for towing and storage of the vehicle in which they  
11 are contained.

12           (5) All billing invoices that are provided to the redeemer of the  
13 vehicle, or other items of personal property registered or titled  
14 with the department, must be itemized so that the individual fees are  
15 clearly discernable.

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