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**Consumer Protection & Business  
Committee**

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**HB 1954**

**Brief Description:** Addressing credit and debit card transaction fees.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kirby and Barkis.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes registered tow truck operators to collect a convenience fee when a credit or debit card is chosen as the payment method for the costs of towing, storage, tolls, or ferry fares.

**Hearing Date:** 1/24/22

**Staff:** Corey Patton (786-7388).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing issues registration certificates to tow truck operators which authorize the operators to engage in the impounding, transporting, and storage of unauthorized vehicles and the disposal of abandoned vehicles. Registered tow truck operators are authorized to collect the costs of towing, storage, tolls or ferry fares paid, or other services rendered during the course of towing, removing, impounding, or storing an impounded vehicle.

**Summary of Bill:**

Registered tow truck operators are authorized to collect a convenience fee, to be paid by the credit or debit card user, whenever a credit or debit card is chosen as the payment method for the costs of towing, storage, tolls, or ferry fares. The fee must be sufficient to offset the charges imposed on the tow truck operator by the credit and debit card companies but may not exceed 4

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.