

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 484—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 20, 2009

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning operators of tow cars. (BDR 58-1123)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to tow cars; requiring the Nevada Transportation Authority to adopt regulations setting the maximum fees for vehicles towed under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill requires the Nevada Transportation Authority to adopt regulations
2 which set the reasonable maximum fee that can be charged by an operator of a tow
3 car for towing a vehicle without the consent of the owner of the vehicle or the
4 person authorized by the owner to operate the vehicle.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 706.4468 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 706.4468 1. Each operator of a tow car shall file its charges
4 for preparing or satisfying a lien to which the operator is entitled
5 against a vehicle that was towed without the prior consent of the
6 owner of the vehicle or the person authorized by the owner to
7 operate the vehicle. *The Authority shall adopt regulations which*
8 *establish reasonable maximum charges for preparing or satisfying*
9 *a lien to which the operator is entitled against such a vehicle.* The
10 Authority may investigate any charge filed pursuant to this
11 subsection and revise the charge as necessary to ensure that the
12 charge is reasonable.



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2. An operator of a tow car may not impose a charge or any part of a charge filed pursuant to subsection 1 unless the operator:

(a) Has initiated the procedure by which a person may satisfy a lien; and

(b) Stores the vehicle for at least 96 hours.

3. If an operator of a tow car stores a vehicle that was towed without the prior consent of the owner of the vehicle or the person authorized by the owner to operate the vehicle for at least 96 hours but not more than 336 hours, the operator may charge an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the charge approved by the Authority pursuant to subsection 1 for preparing or satisfying a lien.

4. If an operator of a tow car stores a vehicle that was towed without the prior consent of the owner of the vehicle or the person authorized by the owner to operate the vehicle for more than 336 hours, the operator may charge an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the charge approved by the Authority pursuant to subsection 1 for preparing or satisfying a lien in addition to the amount charged pursuant to subsection 3.

