

HB 1999 -- Wrecker and Towing Services

Sponsor: McGhee

This bill requires any wrecker or towing services requested by any political subdivision to be licensed. The request for towing may be rotated among all licensed wreckers or towing services located within a reasonable radius of each other unless adequate towers are not available.

The bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Public Safety to place a licensed wrecker or towing service on the State Highway Patrol's rotation log, establish geographical areas of rotation, and make logs available for public inspection;
- (2) Requires wreckers and towers to meet certain qualifications in order to be placed on a rotation log;
- (3) Specifies the procedures for removing a company from a rotation log;
- (4) Specifies the requirements for wreckers or towing services located outside the county or state that do not meet the qualifications;
- (4) Requires licensed wreckers to maintain liability insurance in the amount of at least \$200,000 with a deductible not greater than \$1,000 per occurrence;
- (5) Requires a licensed wrecker to pay a \$200 initial licensing fee which can be renewed annually on December 31 for a \$100 renewal fee;
- (6) Creates the Wrecker License Administration Fund for deposit of fees collected to be used for the administration of these provisions; and
- (7) Authorizes the department to cancel, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license and establish rules and maximum standards rate schedules.