



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7028

LCO No. 3581

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFORM RATES FOR NONCONSENSUAL TOWING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-66 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (a) (1) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of
5 operating a wrecker for the purpose of towing or transporting for
6 compensation motor vehicles which are disabled, inoperative or
7 wrecked or are being removed in accordance with the provisions of
8 section 14-145, 14-150 or 14-307, unless such person, firm or
9 corporation is a motor vehicle dealer or repairer licensed under the
10 provisions of subpart (D) of this part. (2) The commissioner shall
11 establish and publish a schedule of uniform rates and charges for the
12 nonconsensual towing and transporting of motor vehicles and for the
13 storage of motor vehicles which shall be just and reasonable. Upon
14 petition of any person, firm or corporation licensed in accordance with
15 the provisions of this section, but not more frequently than once every
16 two years, the commissioner shall reconsider the established rates and

17 charges and shall amend such rates and charges if the commissioner,
18 after consideration of the factors stated in this subdivision, determines
19 that such rates and charges are no longer just and reasonable. In
20 establishing and amending such rates and charges, the commissioner
21 may consider factors, including, but not limited to, the Consumer Price
22 Index, rates set by other jurisdictions, charges for towing and
23 transporting services provided pursuant to a contract with an
24 automobile club or automobile association licensed under the
25 provisions of section 14-67 and rates published in standard service
26 manuals. The commissioner shall hold a public hearing for the purpose
27 of obtaining additional information concerning such rates and charges.
28 (3) With respect to the nonconsensual towing or transporting and the
29 storage of motor vehicles, no such person, firm or corporation shall
30 charge more than the rates and charges published by the
31 commissioner. Any person aggrieved by any action of the
32 commissioner under the provisions of this section may take an appeal
33 therefrom in accordance with section 4-183, except venue for such
34 appeal shall be in the judicial district of New Britain.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	14-66(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to consider the Consumer Price Index when establishing rates for nonconsensual towing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]