

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5749

by Rep. Jack McGuire

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/18a-602 625 ILCS 5/18d-105 625 ILCS 5/18d-110 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18a-602

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Permits the Illinois Commerce Commission to exercise any and all powers with respect to establishment and adjustment of fees with respect to commercial vehicle safety relocators. Changes the definition of "commercial vehicle safety relocator" to exclude the relocating and storing of vehicles that have been removed from public or private property by means of towing or otherwise. Provides findings concerning excessive prices and deceptive pricing practices charged by commercial vehicle towing service providers. Effective immediately.

LRB095 16321 LCT 42345 b

18

19

20

21

22

23

Towing Law.

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing

 Sections 18a-602, 18d-105, and 18d-110 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/18a-602) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18a-602)
- 7 Sec. 18a-602. Establishment and Adjustment of Fees.
- (1) General Provisions. The Commission may exercise any and 8 9 all powers with respect to establishment and adjustment of fees with respect to commercial vehicle relocators which it may 10 exercise with respect to motor carriers under subsections (2), 11 (3) and (4) of Section 18c-1501 of the Illinois Commercial 12 Transportation Law. Insofar as public health safety and welfare 13 14 requires fair and reasonable pricing for commercial safety towing from public thoroughfares, the Commission may exercise 15 16 any and all powers with respect to establishment and adjustment 17 of fees with respect to commercial vehicle safety relocators as
 - (2) Initial fees. The Commission shall set initial fees by rulemaking in accordance with Section 5-50 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Initial fees shall be set and take effect within 60 days after December 1, 1987. Such fees

defined in Section 18d-105 of the Illinois Commercial Safety

- 1 shall remain in effect until adjusted by the Commission in
- 2 accordance with subsection (1) of this Section.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 88-45.)
- 4 (625 ILCS 5/18d-105)
- 5 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
- 6 delayed effective date)
- 7 Sec. 18d-105. Definitions. As used in this Chapter:
- 8 (1) "Commercial vehicle safety relocator" or "safety
- 9 relocator" means any person or entity engaged in the business
- of removing damaged or disabled vehicles from public or private
- 11 property by means of towing or otherwise, and thereafter
- 12 relocating and storing such vehicles.
- 13 (2) "Commission" means the Illinois Commerce Commission.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 95-562, eff. 7-1-08.)
- 15 (625 ILCS 5/18d-110)
- 16 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
- delayed effective date)
- 18 Sec. 18d-110. The General Assembly finds and declares that
- 19 commercial vehicle towing service in the State of Illinois
- 20 fundamentally affects the public interest and public welfare.
- 21 It is the intent of the General Assembly, in this amendatory
- 22 Act of the 95th General Assembly, to promote the public
- 23 interest and the public welfare by requiring similar basic
- 24 consumer protections and fraud prevention measures that are

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

required of other marketplace participants, including the disclosure of material terms and conditions of the service to consumers before consumers accept the terms and conditions. The General Assembly also intends that the provisions in this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly promote safety for all persons and vehicles that travel or otherwise use the public highways of this State. The General Assembly finds that it is in the public interest that persons whose vehicles are from the public highways know important basic towed information, such as where they can retrieve their vehicles and the cost to retrieve their vehicles, so that they can avoid vehicle deterioration and arrange for a prompt repair of the vehicles. The General Assembly further finds that excessive prices and deceptive pricing practices by commercial vehicle towing service providers has a profound impact on the health, safety, and welfare of <u>Illinois motorists</u>. In addition, the General Assembly finds that without imposing regulatory oversight on the pricing practices and rate structures employed by commercial vehicle towing service providers, the health and safety of Illinois motorists cannot be adequately protected. (Source: P.A. 95-562, eff. 7-1-08.)

Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does

- 1 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
- 2 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
- 3 Public Act.
- 4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 5 becoming law.