GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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 Short Title: Storage Fees by Towing Services/SHP Rotation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Goss; Jones, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Commerce.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM FEE FOR STORAGE CHARGES THAT MAY BE CHARGED BY A TOWING SERVICE OR COMPANY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-219.15. Wrecker service storage fees.

Notwithstanding the applicability of this Article, established in G.S. 20-219.10, no wrecker service operator or tower shall charge a storage fee greater than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) a day for any stored vehicle. A storage fee may not be charged if the wrecker service operator or tower does not place the towed vehicle inside a private locked area preventing access by the general public. This section is not designed to limit any other fee charged by a wrecker service operator or tower for services related to towing."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, and applies to vehicles towed by a tower on or after that date.

