

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3507

TITLE: An Act relative to equitable towing rates

SPONSOR: Representative Steven S. Howitt (*Seekonk*)

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3174 referred to TUE; accompanied House Study Order
2021-2022: H.3324 referred to TUE; accompanied study order H.5042.
2019-2020: H.2880 referred to TUE; accompanied study order H.4405.

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 159B section 6B details the rules and regulations surrounding towing in the Commonwealth. This section states that the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will determine the maximum allowable charges for the towing of a motor vehicle that is ordered by police or any other public authority, as well as a maximum daily storage charge for non-commercial passenger motor vehicles with a maximum capacity of nine persons.

SUMMARY:

This legislation requires DPU to establish maximum charges for the towing of commercially registered vehicles that don't require a CDL license. It further establishes a maximum daily storage charge for said commercially registered vehicles that don't require a CDL license.