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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 1024

5 By: Senator K. Ingram  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF WHEEL AND TIRE LOCKING  
9 DEVICES; TO REGULATE INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT  
10 USE WHEEL AND TIRE LOCKING DEVICES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO REGULATE THE USE OF WHEEL AND TIRE  
16 LOCKING DEVICES; AND TO REGULATE  
17 INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT USE WHEEL  
18 AND TIRE LOCKING DEVICES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The name of Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter*  
24 *50, Subchapter 12, is changed from "Removal of Unattended or Abandoned*  
25 *Vehicles" to "Removal or Immobilization of Unattended or Abandoned Vehicles".*  
26 *The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall make all changes in the Arkansas*  
27 *Code necessary to implement this section.*  
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29 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1201(a), concerning applicability of*  
30 *Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 50, Subchapter 12, Removal of Unattended or*  
31 *Abandoned Vehicles, § 27-50-1201 et seq., is amended to read as follows:*

32 *(a) This subchapter applies to a person:*

33 *(1) Either:*

34 *(A) Engaged in the towing or storage of vehicles in the*  
35 *State of Arkansas; and*

36 *~~(2)~~(B) Hired to tow or store the vehicle; or*



1                   (2) That performs vehicle immobilization service.

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3           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1202, concerning definitions under  
4 Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 50, Subchapter 12, Removal of Unattended or  
5 Abandoned Vehicles, § 27-50-1201 et seq., is amended to add additional  
6 subdivisions to read as follows:

7                   (13) "Wheel clamp" means a device attached to a wheel of a  
8 vehicle that renders the vehicle immobile; and

9                   (14) "Vehicle immobilization service" means a person operating  
10 or directing others to operate a wheel clamp.

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12           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203(e)(1), concerning the authority  
13 of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board, is amended to read as follows:

14           (e)(1) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out  
15 the intent of this subchapter and shall regulate the towing industry and  
16 vehicle immobilization service industry, including:

17                   (A) Establishing reasonable licensing, insurance, and  
18 equipment requirements for any person engaging in towing and related services  
19 for safety purposes or vehicle immobilization services under this subchapter;

20                   (B) Establishing reasonable tow truck safety requirements  
21 for any tow vehicle as defined in this subchapter;

22                   (C) Establishing a procedure to accept and investigate  
23 complaints from a consumer who claims that he or she has been overcharged for  
24 fees related to nonconsent towing, recovery, ~~or~~ storage fees, or vehicle  
25 immobilization services;

26                   (D) Determining and sanctioning excessive or unnecessary  
27 ~~non-consent~~ fees charged to consumers related to nonconsent towing fees,  
28 recovery, and storage, or vehicle immobilization services charged to  
29 consumers;

30                   (E) Requiring all entities permitted, licensed, or  
31 regulated under this subchapter to provide to the board all documents in  
32 response to information requests by the board pursuant to the investigation  
33 of consumer complaints or board complaints against the permittee or licensee;

34                   (F) Requiring all entities permitted, licensed, or  
35 regulated under this subchapter to provide itemized billing for fees related  
36 to towing ~~or~~, storage fees, or vehicle immobilization services that explains

1 how the charges were calculated; and

2 (G) Requiring all entities permitted, licensed, or  
3 regulated under this subchapter to maintain a copy of their current maximum  
4 rate schedule or fee schedule posted in a conspicuous place and readily  
5 accessible to the public.

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203(f) and (g), concerning the  
8 authority of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board, are amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 (f)(1)(A) The board shall have the authority to levy applicable towing  
11 business license and vehicle immobilization service license fees not to  
12 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per license, and the board shall have the  
13 authority to levy an applicable tow vehicle safety permit fee not to exceed  
14 fifty dollars (\$50.00) per tow vehicle safety permit.

15 (B) A person licensed by the board to perform towing  
16 services is authorized to perform vehicle immobilization services without  
17 obtaining a separate vehicle immobilization service license.

18 (2) ~~Furthermore, the~~ The board shall also have the authority to  
19 impose late filing fees in addition to the original filing fees in an amount  
20 not to exceed the original amount of the license fee or safety permit fee.

21 (g)(1) The board shall have the authority to employ and discharge any  
22 personnel as may be necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of  
23 this subchapter and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

24 (2) The board shall employ investigators to investigate consumer  
25 complaints related to overcharging for nonconsent towing, recovery, ~~or~~  
26 storage fees, fees associated with the use of wheel clamps, violations of §  
27 27-50-1101, this subchapter, and violations of the rules promulgated by the  
28 board under this subchapter.

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30 /s/K. Ingram

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33 **APPROVED: 04/22/2013**