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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TOWING COMPANIES TO ALLOW VEHICLE
9 OWNERS TO USE A TOWING COMPANY OF THEIR CHOICE WHEN
10 RECLAIMING A VEHICLE; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS TOWING
11 AND RECOVERY BOARD TO OFFICE IN THE SEAT OF
12 GOVERNMENT; TO RESTRICT TOW LICENSES AND PERMITS OF
13 OUT OF STATE TOWING BUSINESSES TO THOSE IN COMPLIANCE
14 WITH ARKANSAS'S RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR
15 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO ALLOW OWNER CHOICE OF TOWING COMPANY
19 WHEN RECLAIMING A VEHICLE; TO REQUIRE THE
20 ARKANSAS TOWING AND RECOVERY BOARD TO
21 OFFICE IN THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT; AND TO
22 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ARKANSAS'S
23 RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203(e)(1), concerning creation and
30 powers and duties of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board, is amended to
31 add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

32 (H) Requiring all entities permitted, licensed, or
33 regulated under this subchapter to allow the owner or agent of the owner of a
34 motor vehicle removed under this subchapter or under § 27-50-1101 to use any
35 other entity permitted, licensed, or regulated under this subchapter when
36 reclaiming the motor vehicle from storage.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203(h), concerning creation and powers and duties of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(h)(1) The board shall have the authority to obtain office space, furniture, stationery, and other proper supplies and conveniences reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(2) The board shall maintain its principal office in Little Rock.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-50-1203 is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(k) The board shall issue a towing business license or issue a tow vehicle safety permit for a tow vehicle licensed in another state to tow any vehicle in this state only when the tow vehicle owner establishes to the board's satisfaction that the operation of the tow vehicle in this state is in compliance with § 27-35-112.