

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2741</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>5967</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Ford</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>DPS Increase = \$141,400</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2741 allows a tow operator or wrecker yard operator to release of a motor vehicle to a legal representative or an immediate family member who is within the first or second degree of consanguinity or affinity if the owner of the vehicle is dead or incapacitated. The measure increases the license application fee for a wrecker license from \$100 to \$500, with \$90 dollars deposited in the General Revenue Fund and \$410 deposited in the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund to administer the Wrecker Services Division and modernize computer programs. The measure increase the wrecker license renewal fee from \$50 to \$250 with \$200 deposited in the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund to administer the Wrecker Services Division and modernize computer programs. Removes a requirement that the Tow Request and Authorization Form be completed in quadruplicate. Allows the Department to notify the owner of a towed vehicle the vehicles location by first-class mail. The measure allows for the release of personal property in a towed vehicle when the registered owner or representative of the owner provides proof of identity.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 2741, as introduced, raises the cost of wrecker licenses. The measure raises the cost of an original license from \$100.00 to \$500.00. The measure raises the cost of a wrecker license renewal from \$50.00 to \$250.00.

The measure redirects new revenue from the increased fees to the Department of Public Safety's Restricted Revolving Fund for the administration of the Department's Wrecker Services Division and modernization of computer programs.

The table below summarizes the changes in amounts of new revenue and their deposits.

Beneficiary	Current Original License Fee	New Original License Fee	Current Renewal Fee	New Renewal Fee
General Revenue	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
DPS	\$10.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Totals	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$250.00

DPS indicates they processed 47 original licenses and 613 license renewals for 2020. Based on these figures, the measure would generate approximately \$141,400 in new revenue for DPS.

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### **Other Considerations**

None.

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