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Bill Analysis

SB 1853 creates the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Repair Consumer Protection Act. The measure prohibits any service work from being performed by a motor vehicle repair facility until unless the motor vehicle repair facility obtains the written consent or documented verbal consent of the customer or responsible party for the fees, charges, and costs incurred by the customer or responsible party prior to performing the service work. The measure requires every repair facility to prepare an estimate of the costs and to record the type of communication used to show the estimate to the customer. The measure provides that the tear-down process shall not exceed \$60.00 per hour nor shall it exceed 4 hours of total work. The measure also prohibits administrative charges from exceeding \$60.00 per hour or exceeding a 4-hour maximum total time of completion. The measure also outlines the maximum storage fees for vehicles of certain sizes. The measure requires each facility to provide written invoices and respond to requests for invoices concerning the pickup, release, or delivery of a motor vehicle on its premises within 8 hours. All facilities must conspicuously post all fees, charges, and costs in an area visible to the public. Repair facilities cannot increase any charges assessed by a wrecker or towing service and shall only pass on the charges without any markup. The measure authorizes the use of \$50.00 fee for an Oklahoma Title 42 Possessory Lien process over and above the allowed administrative charges in certain circumstances.

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