

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

PUBLIC SERVICE COMN. Requests the Public Service Commission to review the rules and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission to review the rules and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services to ensure wrecker and towing practices are fair and equitable and submit a report before March 1, 2015, to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs of its findings and of any proposed rules and regulations to be considered by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (commission), pursuant to R.S. 45:180.1, has the power and authority necessary to supervise, govern, regulate, and control the business of the operation and use of wreckers and towing services, to designate classes and categories of such vehicles, to fix reasonable and just rates, fares, tolls, charges for storage services, or charges for the commodities furnished or services rendered by persons engaging in the operation and use of such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, no person shall engage in the business of operating and using wreckers and towing services without first having obtained from the commission a wrecker license; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 32:1736 provides that all fees charged by a tow truck operator for the nonconsensual towing of a vehicle from private property or parking areas shall be

1 uniform and shall be set in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the  
2 commission; and

3 WHEREAS, there are towing and recovery charges; other towing, equipment, and  
4 manpower charges; storage charges; and fuel surcharges for the towing of vehicles and such  
5 charges create a financial hardship, especially for college students; and

6 WHEREAS, the hours of operation of a wrecker and towing company's storage  
7 facility and a cash-only payment method create additional hardships for a person when his  
8 vehicle is towed; and

9 WHEREAS, wreckers and towing services are regulated by the Louisiana Public  
10 Service Commission and such practices and rules and regulations need to be reviewed  
11 periodically and amended to ensure wrecker and towing services are fair and equitable.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission to review the rules  
14 and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services to ensure the practices are fair and  
15 equitable and submit a report before March 1, 2015, to the Senate Committee on Commerce,  
16 Consumer Protection and International Affairs of its findings and of any proposed rules and  
17 regulations to be considered by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 Louisiana Public Service Commission.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ducharme.

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DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb

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