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DIGEST

SB 431 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Foil

Present law provides for "normal business hours" of any towing or storage company to be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays.

Proposed law retains present law and provides towing or storage companies that conduct nonconsensual towing operations from private property make themselves available for the release of personal property or the vehicle within ninety minutes of request outside normal business hours and exclusive of legal holidays. Proposed law further provides towing or storage companies conducting nonconsensual towing operations from private property that are unavailable within ninety minutes of request to retrieve the vehicle or personal property cannot charge the requester a storage fee the day of the facility closure or unavailability, exclusive of legal holidays, suspending future storage fees until the next day of normal business hours.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:1734(F); adds R.S. 32:1734(G) and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Changes requirement for weekend opening to an option.
2. Adds provision for not opening on weekends.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes provision that prohibits a towing or storage company from changing storage fees on Saturday and Sunday if the company is not open for a minimum of four hours on the day.
2. Adds provision for towing and storage companies who conduct nonconsensual tows from private property to be available within 90 minutes of a request made outside of normal business hours to retrieve property.

3. Adds provision that prohibits a towing or storage company from changing a storage fee if the company is closed or unavailable to facilitate a request made outside of normal business hours.