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Abstract: Limits the fine for violations of the La. Towing and Storage Act to \$500. Provides guidelines for suspension and revocation of licenses for violation of the Act.

<u>Present law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to adopt and levy fines for violation of the La. Towing and Storage Act.

Proposed law limits the fine to not more than \$500.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to suspend or revoke a company's storage and inspection license for one or more violations of the La. Towing and Storage Act or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to consider the gravity of the violation or violations, the history of previous offenses, and any other matter that justice requires when determining the length of suspension or necessity of a revocation.

<u>Present law</u> requires a fine be issued to any person who fails to comply with any provision required by the La. Towing and Storage Act and forfeit all claims for towing services and storage of such vehicles.

Proposed law limits the fine to not more than \$500.

(Amends R.S. 32:1714(3) and 1724(A); Adds R.S. 32:1717.1(C))