

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 251

Short Title: Wrecker Service Storage Fees. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson; and Allen.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, if favorable, Judiciary II.

February 23, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM FEE FOR STORAGE CHARGES THAT MAY BE
3 CHARGED BY A TOWING SERVICE OR COMPANY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 20-219.15. Wrecker service storage fees.**

8 Notwithstanding the applicability of this Article, as established in G.S. 20-219.10, no
9 wrecker service operator or tower shall charge a storage fee greater than twenty-five dollars
10 (\$25.00) a day for any stored vehicle. A storage fee may not be charged if the wrecker service
11 operator or tower does not place the towed vehicle inside a private locked area preventing
12 access by the general public. This section is not designed to limit any other fee charged by a
13 wrecker service operator or tower for services related to towing. A variance of up to fifty
14 percent (50%) of the maximum storage fee established by this section may be allowed when the
15 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety determines that the cost of complying with the
16 rules of the Department regarding storage lots warrant a waiver."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, and applies to vehicles
18 towed by a tower on or after that date.

