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**Arkansas Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws and State Highway Commission Regulations (Page xxxii)**

**TOWING**

Provides that all tow vehicles used for commercial purposes must be permitted through the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board; updates the definition of "consent tow" to exclude repossessions of vehicles; creates a repossession towing license and a certificate of registration for consent towing. [HB 1560 amends §§ 27-50-1201, 27-50-1202, 27-50

**Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board Rules**

1.29 **"COMMERCIAL PURPOSES"** means towing, recovery or transporting of a vehicle that is associated with a business regardless of the current vehicles ownership status or whether charges were paid by a third party for services.

1.30 **"PERSONAL USE"** means towing, recovery transporting of a vehicle that is not associated with a business and is not used for commercial purposes as defined in this section.

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**Section 27-50-1212 - Criminal penalties**

**(a)** It shall be unlawful for a person to:

**(1)** Operate a tow vehicle in violation of this subchapter;

**(2)** Operate a tow vehicle without obtaining a tow vehicle safety permit as required by the rules of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board;

**(3)** Operate a business engaging in nonconsent towing of vehicles without first obtaining the proper tow business license as required by the rules of the board;

**(4)** Give false or forged evidence to the board or to any member or an employee thereof for the purpose of obtaining a license or a tow vehicle safety permit;

**(5)** Use or attempt to use an expired, suspended, or revoked license or tow vehicle safety permit; or

**(6)** Violate or aid or abet any violation of this subchapter.

**(b)** The Division of Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation, and county and municipal authorities may enforce § 27-50-1101 et seq. and this subchapter.

**(c)** A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of any violation under this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

**(d)** The fines imposed and collected under this section shall be remitted as follows:

**(1)** Fifty percent (50%) to the Administration of Justice Funds Section by the tenth day of each month on a form provided by the Administration of Justice Funds Section for deposit into the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board treasury fund; and

**(2)** Fifty percent (50%) to the law enforcement agency issuing the violation.

**(e)** Each day of an unlawful practice proscribed by this section shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

Amended by Act 2017, No. 707, § 345, eff. 8/1/2017. Acts 1997, No. 392, § 5; 2005, No. 2211, § 6; 2007, No. 861, § 9; 2009, No. 644, § 1.