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**H 251. WRECKER SERVICE STORAGE FEES.** Filed 2/19/09. *TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM FEE FOR STORAGE CHARGES THAT MAY BE CHARGED BY A TOWING SERVICE OR COMPANY.*

Enacts new GS 20-219.15 as the title indicates. Sets the maximum storage fee as \$25 per day for any stored vehicle. Prohibits the charging of the storage fee if the wrecker service operator or tower does not place the towed vehicle inside a private locked area that prevents access by the general public. Provides additional criteria regarding fee limits and variances of the maximum storage fee. States that this proposed section does not limit any other fee charged by a wrecker service or tower for services related to towing. Provides that proposed GS 20-219.15 is to be in effect despite any provisions in GS 20-219.10 regarding the scope of the applicability of the provisions in Article 7A, of GS Chapter 20, regarding post-towing procedures. Effective October 1, 2009, and applies to vehicles towed by a tower on or after that date.

**Intro. by Gibson.**

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