



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 3447		DATE: 3/31/2026	
COMMITTEE: Transportation			
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ALLEN SCOTT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-348-9070	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HI-TECH AUTO BODY INC DBA HI-TECH AUTO BODY AND TOWING		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 435 HW 42			
CITY: KAISER		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65047
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/31/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: JARED K. INNIS		PHONE NUMBER: 816-985-1349	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI TOW TRUCK ASSOC.		TITLE: PRES	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1402			
CITY: PLATTE CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64079
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WITNESS NAME: MATT GABRIELSON		PHONE NUMBER: 660-247-0766	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI TOW TRUCK		TITLE: SEC	
ADDRESS: 140016 LIV 2119			
CITY: CHILLICOTHE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64601
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WITNESS NAME: RALPH GODSY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-550-7749	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI TOW TRUCK ASSOC.		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63122
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER: 314-440-9000	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: STATE PUBLIC ADVOCACY		TITLE: STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE	
ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX #1535			
CITY: O'FALLON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63366
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WITNESS NAME: DAVID JUNGEBLUT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: HAMPTON WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-4241
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65616
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/31/2026 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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HB 3447 creates a pay-to-access justice structure that raises significant constitutional concerns.

Under the bill, owners of certain commercial vehicles must pay fifty percent of disputed towing costs upfront and deposit the remaining amount with the court before they are permitted to challenge those charges. This effectively conditions access to the courts on the ability to pay, raising due process concerns under the Fourteenth Amendment.

The bill further imposes a five-day deadline to remove property or face forfeiture of funds, creating a coercive framework that pressures payment regardless of whether the charges are lawful or reasonable.

Additionally, the legislation creates a separate and more burdensome process for certain vehicle owners without clearly defined justification, raising concerns regarding unequal treatment under the law.

Finally, the bill mandates additional insurance coverage requirements without demonstrating a direct nexus to public safety or documented need, further increasing the regulatory burden on affected parties.

While regulation of towing and recovery practices is within the authority of the state, HB 3447 introduces structural provisions that risk undermining fair access to judicial review and creating an imbalance between private actors and property owners.

This analysis is based solely on statutory language and constitutional principles and should not be interpreted as endorsement of any policy position.

The General Assembly is hereby placed on notice that enactment of this provision may give rise to constitutional concerns, particularly regarding due process and access to the courts.



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WITNESS NAME: TOM CRAWFORD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3388	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION		TITLE: PRESIDENT & CEO	
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Missouri Trucking Association and its members strongly oppose HB 3447. The provisions of the bill as introduced are ineffective and preempted by federal law for most/all interstate motor carriers and attempt to create a process to guarantee outrageous tow bills continue to rise without any checks and balances.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM LEWIS PUGH		PHONE NUMBER: 330-795-0482
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OWNER-OPERATOR INDEPENDENT DRIVERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
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