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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3355	Amended by Senate Transportation on February 22, 2024
<b>Author:</b>	Moss	
<b>Subject:</b>	Tow Trucks with Fifth-Wheel Assembly	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Education and Public Works	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Gardner	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 27, 2024	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill provides that a truck towing a vehicle with a fifth wheel assembly for recreational purposes may tow one additional vehicle. It also establishes safety requirements for a tow truck serving as the initial vehicle under these circumstances.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has the authority to enforce commercial motor carrier laws in the state. This bill will have no expenditure impact for DPS as the agency anticipates the implementation of the bill can be managed within the normal course of business.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by Senate Transportation on February 22, 2024**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill as amended provides that a truck towing a vehicle with a fifth wheel assembly for recreational purposes may tow one additional vehicle, provided the operator possesses a classified driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and other safety precautions as outlined in this bill.

DPS has the authority to enforce commercial motor carrier laws in the state. The agency reports this bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, the amended bill does not have an expenditure impact.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

##### **Local Revenue**

N/A

**Introduced on January 10, 2023**

**State Expenditure**

This bill provides that a truck towing a vehicle with a fifth wheel assembly for recreational purposes may tow one additional vehicle. The total length of the combination of vehicles must not exceed seventy-five feet in length, and the weight load of the terminal vehicle must not exceed 3,000 pounds. The bill also requires any tow truck driver pulling both a vehicle with a fifth wheel assembly and an additional vehicle to utilize a video system to monitor the terminal vehicle. The tow truck driver must also ensure both towed vehicles are secured with a safety chain, cable, or equivalent device in addition to the regular drawbar, tongue, trailer hitch, or other connection. DPS reports this bill requires the agency to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, the bill does not have an expenditure impact.

**State Revenue**

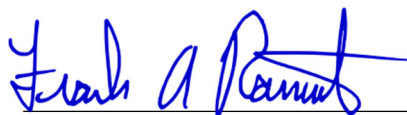
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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