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Bill Number: H. 3355 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Tow Trucks with Fifth-Wheel Assembly
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
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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. DPS anticipates the implementation of the bill can be managed within the normal course of business for the agency. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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