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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMN: Requests the Public Service Commission to review the rules and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission to review the rules and
3 regulations relative to wreckers and towing services to ensure wrecker and towing
4 practices are fair and equitable and submit a report before March 1, 2015, to the
5 House Committee on Commerce of its findings and of any proposed rules and
6 regulations to be considered by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (commission), pursuant to
8 R.S. 45:180.1, has the power and authority necessary to supervise, govern, regulate, and
9 control the business of the operation and use of wreckers and towing services, to designate
10 classes and categories of such vehicles, to fix reasonable and just rates, fares, tolls, charges
11 for storage services, or charges for the commodities furnished or services rendered by
12 persons engaging in the operation and use of such vehicles; and

13 WHEREAS, no person shall engage in the business of operating and using wreckers
14 and towing services without first having obtained from the commission a wrecker license;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, R.S. 32:1736 provides that all fees charged by a tow truck operator for
17 the nonconsensual towing of a vehicle from private property or parking areas shall be
18 uniform and shall be set in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the
19 commission; and

1 WHEREAS, there are towing and recovery charges, other towing, equipment, and
2 manpower charges, storage charges, and fuel surcharges for the towing of vehicles and such
3 charges create a financial hardship, especially for college students; and

4 WHEREAS, the hours of operation of a wrecker and towing company's storage
5 facility and a cash-only payment method create additional hardships for a person when his
6 vehicle is towed; and

7 WHEREAS, wreckers and towing services are regulated by the Louisiana Public
8 Service Commission and such practices and rules and regulations need to be reviewed
9 periodically and amended to ensure wrecker and towing services are fair and equitable.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Public Service
12 Commission to review the rules and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services to
13 ensure that the practices are fair and equitable and submit a report before March 1, 2015, to
14 the House Committee on Commerce of its findings and of any proposed rules and regulations
15 to be considered by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 Louisiana Public Service Commission.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Public Service Commission to review the rules and regulations relative to wreckers and towing services to ensure that the practices are fair and equitable and submit a report before March 1, 2015, to the House Committee on Commerce of its findings and of any proposed rules and regulations to be considered by the La. Public Service Commission.