

1 AN ACT relating to the provision of private towing services to local governments.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section:*

6 *(a) "Local government" means any city, county, urban-county, consolidated*
7 *local government, charter county, or unified local government;*

8 *(b) "Towing" means emergency towing, which is the towing of a motor vehicle,*
9 *with or without the owner's consent, because of:*

10 *1. A motor vehicle accident on a public highway;*

11 *2. An incident related to an emergency; or*

12 *3. An incident that necessitates the removal of the motor vehicle from a*
13 *location for public safety reasons; and*

14 *(c) "Towing company" means a service or business operating as a motor*
15 *carrier that:*

16 *1. Tows or otherwise moves motor vehicles by means of a tow truck; or*

17 *2. Owns or operates a storage lot.*

18 *(2) The legislative body of each local government shall establish, by ordinance, a list*
19 *of towing companies that may be employed to provide towing services to the local*
20 *government.*

21 *(3) Each city police department, county police department, and sheriff's office shall*
22 *use this list of authorized towing services when towing services are required.*

23 *(4) The police department or sheriff's office shall contact towing companies in*
24 *rotation and shall use no towing service twice in a row, unless all other towing*
25 *services on the list cannot respond in a timely manner.*