

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 14, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB500** by Hegar (Relating to the establishment of a tow truck rotation list in certain counties; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add Section 643.209 to Subchapter E, Chapter 643 of the Transportation Code to authorize the sheriff's office in certain counties to maintain a list of towing companies to perform nonconsent tows of motor vehicles initiated by a peace officer investigating a traffic accident or incident. Related procedures are specified in the bill, including authorizing the sheriff's office to assess a towing company an administrative fee to be included on the tow rotation list in an amount not to exceed the amount necessary to implement the Section.

If a person violates the county's policies related to the tow list rotation, it would be a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of between \$1 and \$200.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

The counties to which the bill would apply are Fort Bend, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, and Shelby.

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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