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H.B. No. 3553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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Relating to unauthorized towing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2308.458(e), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The court may award:

(1) court costs to the prevailing party;

(2) the reasonable cost of photographs submitted under Section 2308.456(b)(8) to a vehicle owner or operator who is the prevailing party;

(3) an amount equal to the amount that the towing charge exceeded fees regulated by a political subdivision or authorized by this code or by Chapter 2303; ~~and~~

(4) reimbursement of fees paid for vehicle towing and storage; and

(5) an amount equal to the reimbursement of fees paid for vehicle towing and storage to be paid for by the towing company, booting company, or parking facility owner that violates Sec. 2308.252 of the Texas Occupations Code, to be deposited into the State Highway Fund under the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.