



HOUSE BILL 472: Commercial Vehicle & Cargo Protection.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Judiciary 1. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 16, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. Branson, Loftis, Schietzelt, Hawkins	Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H472-CSBG-7		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 472 would prohibit the use of immobilization devices on commercial motor vehicles for parking enforcement purposes and would direct towers of commercial motor vehicles with commercial cargo to allow for cargo owners to retrieve that cargo upon request.*

- The PCS makes various changes to the bill to provide additional clarity to the criminal violation related to immobilizing a commercial motor vehicle, and requirements for tows that involve commercial cargo.

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS: Current law does not specify requirements for towing operations specific to commercial motor vehicles or the handling of commercial cargo located within commercial motor vehicles which are towed.

Section 1 of the bill would prohibit the immobilization of a commercial motor vehicle using devices such as a boot for the purposes of parking enforcement and would make violations a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Section 2 of the bill would require towers of a nonconsensual tow or tow pursuant to the direction of a law-enforcement officer to promptly return commercial cargo to the owner of the commercial cargo upon request and would provide for circumstances under which a tower shall allow for a trailer swap, as applicable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 of this act would become effective December 1, 2025, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act would become effective when it becomes law.

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