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PANEL DISCUSSION Wreckers and Tow Trucks

Friday January 23, 2026
Room 102, State Capitol

Panelists:

- *Scott Wolff* *President, MT Tow Truck Association (MTTA)
Iron Horse Towing (Missoula)*
- *Carl Halcro* *Carl's Auto Care (Great Falls) – District 2, MTTA*
- *Don Blyton, Jr.* *Billings Towing & Recovery (Billings) – District 4, MTTA*
- *Levi Mossi* *Towing & Recovery Professionals of Montana (TRP-MT)
Montana Towing (Missoula)*
- *Josh Graham* *Superior Towing & Recovery (Saint Regis)*
- *Duane Williams* *CEO, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)*
- *Sgt. Tammy Perkins* *Tow Truck Administrator, MT Highway Patrol*

Discussion Prompts:

- Please give a brief overview of the existing wrecker/towing services in your area of the state.
 - What are some challenges that wreckers/tow trucks face?
 - What are some “bright spots” or things that are working well?
- Is your business a member of any of the following associations? Why or why not?
 - Montana Tow Truck Association ([MTTA](#))
 - Towing & Recovery Professionals of Montana ([TRP-MT](#))
 - Montana Trucking Association ([MTA](#))
- During the 2025 session and the July TIC organizational meeting, the committee has heard comments or concerns about the following topics. Please help the committee to understand the current landscape, including any challenges or bright spots, of these topics:
 - Yield – Slow Down – Move Over Act ([2023 HB 470](#))
 - On-call rotation
 - “Wreck chasing”
 - Insurance claims/payments
 - Debris cleanup responsibilities
 - Light colors
- Are MCA statutes and/or ARM rulemaking processes working as intended? Are updates needed to accommodate aspects of wrecker/tow truck services?



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2025 Tow Truck bills:

You may recall there were multiple Tow Truck bills during the 2025 legislative session, some of which were voted down because additional information or discussion was needed. The panel discussion on Jan 23 will hopefully revisit and resolve some of those identified issues, so that improved legislation can be brought during the 2027 session.

- [HB 223](#) (H) **Died in Process**. A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER REASONABLE COSTS FOR TOWING, RECOVERY, AND SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL TOW TRUCK OPERATORS, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS IN THE POLICY; AMENDING SECTION 61-6-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."
- [SB 113](#) **Chapter Number Assigned**. AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE LIEN EXEMPTIONS; SPECIFYING THE TYPES OF FOOD AND CONSUMER GOODS, THE TYPES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS, AND THE TYPE OF RECORDS THAT ARE EXEMPT; AND AMENDING SECTION 71-3-1201, MCA.
- [SB 454](#) (S) **Died in Process**. A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING COMMERCIAL TOW TRUCK LAWS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; REVISING CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS; REVISING LIABILITY INSURANCE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO INSPECTIONS; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ROTATION SYSTEM; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 61-8-903, 61-8-905, 61-8-906, 61-8-907, 61-8-908, AND 61-8-920, MCA."
- [SB 455](#) (H) **Died in Process**. A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HIGHWAY AND ROADSIDE SERVICE LAWS; PROHIBITING THE SOLICITATION OF ROADSIDE SERVICES AT THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT OR DISABLED VEHICLE; REQUIRING TOWING COMPANIES OR TOW TRUCK OPERATORS TO CARRY WRITTEN PROOF OF REQUEST FOR ROADSIDE SERVICES; PROVIDING CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES, AND FINES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 61-8-908 AND 61-8-909, MCA."

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