BY adding to

Article Transportation

Section 13 625.1; and 15 901 through 15 907, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Tow Truck Companies"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 13-920

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

13 625.1.

- (A) ANY TOW TRUCK COMPANY LICENSED UNDER TITLE 15 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL TOW TRUCK REGISTRATION PLATES FOR EACH VEHICLE OWNED BY THE TOW TRUCK COMPANY AND REGISTERED UNDER § 13-920 OF THIS TITLE.
- (B) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$25, PAYABLE WITH THE ORIGINAL AND EACH RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (C) A VEHICLE MAY NOT DISPLAY SPECIAL TOW TRUCK REGISTRATION PLATES UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS:
 - (1) REGISTERED UNDER § 13 920 OF THIS TITLE; AND
- (2) OWNED BY A TOW TRUCK COMPANY LICENSED UNDER TITLE 15 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (D) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN TITLE 22 OF THIS ARTICLE, A VEHICLE DISPLAYING SPECIAL TOW TRUCK REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE TOW TRUCK COMPANY. THE LETTERING SHALL BE AT LEAST 3 INCHES IN SIZE.

13-920.

(a) [If the shipping weight of the chassis and battery of a Class E (truck) vehicle, as certified by the manufacturer, is more than 2,500 pounds and if the vehicle is equipped as a tow truck or rollback and is used to tow vehicles for repair, storage, or removal from the highways, the registration fee for that vehicle is the same as that for