

~~BUT MAY NOT EXCEED A GROSS OPERATING WEIGHT OF 18,000 20,000 POUNDS.~~

~~(3) IF A TOW TRUCK COMPANY HAS REGISTERED A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE TOW TRUCK COMPANY IMMEDIATELY SHALL NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS, BUSINESS NAME, BUSINESS DESIGNATION, OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION GIVEN ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL.~~

(D) FOR EACH VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS BASED ON THE MANUFACTURER'S GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING AS FOLLOWS:

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| <del>10,000—26,000 POUNDS</del>                       | <del>\$100</del> |
| <del>MORE THAN 26,000 POUNDS</del>                    | <del>\$200</del> |
| <u>MANUFACTURER'S GROSS WEIGHT RATING (IN POUNDS)</u> | <u>FEE</u>       |

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| <u>10,000 (OR LESS) TO 26,000</u> | <u>\$100</u> |
| <u>MORE THAN 26,000</u>           | <u>\$300</u> |

(E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING §§ 24-104.1, 24-108, AND 24-109 OF THIS ARTICLE, A TOW TRUCK REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION, WHILE ENGAGED IN AN EMERGENCY TOW, MAY REMOVE A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION FROM A HIGHWAY FOR SAFETY REASONS IF:

(I) THE TOW TRUCK AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION BEING TOWED COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY WEIGHT AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS UNDER TITLE 24 OF THIS ARTICLE WHEN MEASURED OR WEIGHED SEPARATELY; AND

(II) THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION IS BEING TOWED DIRECTLY TO A NEARBY FACILITY FOR REPAIR OR STORAGE.

(2) IF A DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE OR DISABLED VEHICLE COMBINATION IS CARRYING A PERISHABLE COMMODITY, THE VEHICLE MAY BE TOWED DIRECTLY BY THE SHORTEST SAFEST AND SHORTEST PRACTICAL ROUTE POSSIBLE TO THE COMMODITY'S DESTINATION.

(F) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN ANY EMERGENCY OR SECONDARY TOW OR ANY OTHER TOW OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION THAT EXCEEDS ANY APPLICABLE STATUTORY WEIGHT AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS UNDER TITLE 24 OF THIS ARTICLE UNLESS THE PERSON HAS OBTAINED THE APPROPRIATE ANNUAL BLANKET PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE