

(i) The issuance of appropriate annual blanket permits to those vehicles which are of adequate size to safely perform any towing allowed under this section;

(ii) The maximum weight, gross weight, axle weight, axle loads, or size of vehicles and vehicle combinations that may be towed under this section;

(iii) The minimum size and equipment required of a tow truck that tows vehicles or vehicle combinations under this section; and

(iv) An annual permit fee, not to exceed the lesser of \$50 or the actual cost of issuing permits under this subsection.

(4) The State Highway Administration shall issue an appropriate annual blanket permit to an eligible tow truck registered under this section that meets the requirements of regulations adopted under this subsection.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, while engaged in towing, a tow truck registered under this section is subject to:

(1) Weight restrictions imposed on restricted bridges; and

(2) All applicable statutory weight and size restrictions under Title 24 of this article while being operated within the limits of Baltimore City, unless the vehicle is being operated on an interstate highway.

(h) Except for tow trucks operated by dealers, automotive dismantlers and recyclers, and scrap processors displaying special registration plates issued under Title 13 of this article, the vehicle shall display a distinctive registration plate as authorized by the Administration.

(I) ~~A PERSON WHO REGISTERS A TOW TRUCK UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL OBTAIN COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF AT LEAST \$500,000 PER OCCURRENCE TO COVER THE COST OF PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE PERSON'S NEGLIGENCE WHILE USING THE TOW TRUCK~~ \$100,000 PER PERSON, \$300,000 PER OCCURRENCE BODILY INJURY LIABILITY, AND \$100,000 PER OCCURRENCE PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 14, 1991.