

Appendage B

Application to Provide Emergency Towing Services

FORM SP 6-151

Purpose:

The most recent towing application by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) was the result of minor changes made in effort to protect the motoring public during the non-consensual towing process. PSP is requesting reasonable and customary fees from the towing industry. These fees will act as a baseline cost for specific areas throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to avoid potential consumer fraud.

The driver of a vehicle involved in a collision or disablement still retains the right to call their own towing service, if the situation permits. This would eliminate the non-consensual towing process and allow the towing company to provide their own reasonable and customary charges. However, the requested service provider must be within a reasonable distance of the collision or disablement. The law enforcement officer has the right to make that determination based on time it would take to restore the highway.

The addendums previously submitted by many of the towing companies will no longer be permitted or accepted as part of the application process. The fees normally submitted in the addendum should be built into the hourly rates requested in the application. This current application does not allow for any fees other than those listed on the application.

A tow company does have the right to withdraw their application or submit an updated application at any time. PSP is anticipating requesting updated applications from towers at least every two years.

PSP considers these changes to the towing application to be minor. They are currently working on more significant changes. The PTA has requested to meet with PSP to discuss these changes before they are implemented.