

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE ARKANSAS TOWING & RECOVERY BOARD

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The purpose and necessity of the proposed amendment is to: 1) comply with changes from the 2023 legislative session for establishing rules for the towing, recovery and storage of electric vehicles; 2) reduce the fire extinguisher capacity requirement; 3) clarify notice and sales procedures, permissible vehicle immobilization devices, and that commercial towing must be licensed; and 4) make grammatical and stylistic changes.

The proposed amendments would accomplish the following:

- 1.) Establish rules necessary for the towing, recovery, and storage of electric vehicles pursuant to Act 840 of 2023;
- 2.) Amend the board's rules to reduce the weight capacity requirement for fire extinguishers;
- 3.) Clarify notice and sales procedures, permissible vehicle immobilization devices, and that commercial towing must be licensed; and
- 4.) Redraft existing Board rules to reorganize definitions by alphabetical order, and grammar and stylistic changes for clarity and to conform to the Bureau of Legislative Research drafting manual and the format for the Code of Arkansas Rules.