To amend section 4513.612 of the Revised Code to prohibit a towing service from employing or compensating spotters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4513.612 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4513.612. (A) As used in this section, "spotter" means a person whose task is to report the presence of unauthorized parked vehicles for purposes of towing, removal, or impounding.

(B)(1) No towing service shall knowingly offer or provide monetary compensation in exchange for the authorization to tow motor vehicles from a specified location or on behalf of the person to whom the towing service offered or provided the compensation.

(2) Division (A)(1) of this section does not prohibit a towing service from negotiating or reducing towing and storage fees.
(B) (C) No towing service shall knowingly employ or otherwise compensate or use a spotter.

(D) Whoever violates division (A) (B) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(E) Whoever violates division (C) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Section 2. That existing section 4513.612 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.