



**Testimony of Andrew W. Herf
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Chairman Maag, Vice Chair Kunze, Ranking Member Slesnick, and members of the Ohio House State Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today as a proponent of House Bill 341. My name is Andy Herf and I am here on behalf of the Association of Professional Towers-Ohio.

To begin, I would like to outline the changes that the omnibus amendment would make to the bill.

**Changes in the Omnibus Amendment
To HB341**

1. Technical Change – appears on several pages in the bill. This change holds the business responsible for compliance with the provisions of HB 341 and other towing laws as opposed to singling out the business owner.
2. Clerk of Courts – Page 8. This change clarifies that the \$4 Fee goes toward the Clerk of Court’s fund not the General fund of the County
3. Deduction change – Page 9. The amendment would lower the daily storage deduction down to 30 days on the \$1500 car affidavit as opposed to 65 days

4. Days to notify lienholder and owner – page 19. The amendment would allow the tower 5 days instead of 8 days to notify lienholders and owners after they have been sent notification from the BMV.
5. Lienholder days – Page 21. This change would not require a lienholder to pay any daily storage on a vehicle until after their notice is sent by the tower.
6. Police only towers are closed – Page 37. Line 1022 was already changed to reflect that a policy only tower can close, Line 1052 reflects that decision as well.

Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to testify as a proponent on HB 341. I would like to acknowledge the work of Chairman Maag, and Sponsors Representative Young and Representative Sweeney. While we are on the 13th draft of the bill, I believe that the diligent work of the chairman and the sponsors have put us in a position to resolve some longstanding issues in the towing industry while continuing to protect the public from past abuses.

I am happy to answer questions.