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SUBJECT: TSSEA Education and Awareness period and amendment to

O. Reg. 162/23

This memorandum is to provide an update on the education and awareness period of the *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act* (TSSEA) and to advise of an amendment to Ontario Regulation 162/23 – Charges for Towing and Vehicle Storage Services.

As per the March 28, 2024, All Chiefs Memo, the ministry implemented an extended education and awareness period to support the industry in adjusting to the new legislation. This extension will end on July 1st, 2024. The ministry thanks our police partners for their cooperation and efforts to educate the sector during the transition period.

Also, effective July 1, 2024, all tow truck drivers must have a TSSEA certificate to operate in Ontario.

The ministry is also advising of a recent amendment to Ontario Regulation 162/23, which allows for tow operators to charge for clean-up services within the Maximum Rate Schedule under basic towing services. This regulatory amendment took effect on June 14, 2024.

A full review of the Maximum Rate Schedule is underway and once the review is complete, the ministry will consult with industry prior to implementing further amendments.

To learn more about Ontario's tow and vehicle storage requirements, customer rights and rates, please visit:

- Ontario.ca/towstoragecertificate
- Towing and vehicle storage requirements | ontario.ca
- Submit tow and vehicle storage rates | ontario.ca
- Know your rights when getting a tow | ontario.ca

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