

State	Lien Laws	Towing Type
Alabama	<p>facility, a towing and recovery service shall allow an owner of a commercial vehicle or a designee of the owner of the commercial vehicle to access the vehicle in a reasonable manner as established by rules adopted by the agency pursuant to this section and retrieve any freight or contents in or on the commercial vehicle, including a trailer, tractor, and any items necessary to carry out the interrupted job. Freight and contents in or on the commercial vehicle may not be held by the towing and recovery service to secure towing and recovery charges. In the event that the trailer or the tractor is retrieved from the storage facility, the commercial vehicle owner shall pay up to a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) security deposit until the service bill is paid. Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with any existing law giving the towing service provider a lien on the commercial vehicle for the services provided.</p> <p><i>Source: Ala. Code Section 41-27-61</i></p>	Nonconsensual towing PPI and recovery.
Colorado	<p>(5) No mechanic's liens on contents. (i) Notwithstanding section 38-20-105*, a towing carrier that nonconsensually tows a vehicle does not have a mechanic's lien on the contents of the vehicle to cover the cost of towing the vehicle. (b) If an authorized or interested person requests that a towing carrier return the contents of a vehicle that was towed without consent within thirty days after the postmarked date the notice was mailed in accordance with section 42-4-2103. (c) The towing carrier shall immediately retrieve a vehicle that has been nonconsensually towed or allow the owner to retrieve the vehicle if: (I) The owner pays fifteen percent of the fees, not to exceed sixty dollars, owed the towing carrier for the nonconsensual tow; and (II) The authorized or interested person is not a lienholder or insurance company. (d) For an authorized or interested person to retrieve a vehicle without paying the towing carrier the total amount owed to the towing carrier, the authorized or interested person must sign a form affirming that the authorized or interested person owes the towing carrier payment for fees that comply with this article 10.1, part 21 of article 4 of title 42, or article 20 of title 38. (9) Applicability. This section does not apply to: (a) A tow ordered by a peace officer or technician directed by a peace officer in the course and scope of the officer's or technician's duties; or (b) A tow from a parking space that serves a business if: (I) The parking space is not in a common parking area; and (II) The parking space is on commercial real estate, as defined in section 38-22.5-102(2).</p> <p>*Deleted by ammendment.</p> <p><i>Source: Colo. Rev. Stat. § 40-10.1-405</i></p>	Nonconsensual towing not otherwise specified.

Maryland	<p>(b) (1) Title 16 of this article does not apply to police-initiated towing services by an authorized tow company. (2) Police-initiated towing does not create a lien or security interest for the authorized tow company in any equipment, vehicle, or cargo. (c) An authorized tow company shall provide a vehicle owner or operator or the owner's designee with reasonable access to a vehicle that is the subject of a police-initiated towing so that the vehicle owner or operator or the owner's designee may access and collect any personal property or cargo contained in the vehicle, regardless of whether any payment has been made for the authorized tow company's services.</p> <p>(d.2) If there is a genuine dispute as to the reasonableness or amount of the fees assessed by an authorized tow company: (i) The authorized tow company shall release the cargo immediately to the owner or the owner's authorized agent in accordance with this subsection on submission of: (1) Proof of ownership if the cargo does not belong to the transportation company; or (2) If the cargo belongs to the transportation company: (A) A letter from the insurance company stating there is coverage for the relevant claim or accident and including, at minimum, a claim number, policy number, and policy limit; or (B) If an insurance policy required under item 2 of this item is not high enough to cover the cost of the cargo clean-up, a signed letter of guarantee from the transportation company; and (ii) Beginning October 1, 2023, the authorized tow company shall release the vehicle to the owner or the owner's authorized agent on payment of 20% of the invoice by the vehicle owner or operator or the owner's designee.</p> <p><i>Source: Md. Code, Com. § 16A-101</i></p>	Police-initiated towing not otherwise specified.
Nevada	<p>In towing and storing a towed motor vehicle, cargo and personal property, the operator shall: ... (5) Not hold or retain any cargo or personal property which comes into the operator's possession as the result of towing as security or for any purpose other than compliance with the direction of appropriate law enforcement agencies.</p> <p><i>Sources: Nev. Rev. Stat. § 706.4467</i></p>	Towing not otherwise specified.
Oregon	<p>may retain possession of the towed vehicle and its contents until the just and reasonable charges for the towage, care and storage, subject to subsection (3) of this section, of the towed vehicle have been paid if the tower notifies the local law enforcement agency of the location of the towed vehicle within one hour after the towed vehicle is placed in storage.</p> <p><i>Sources: ORS § 98.812</i></p>	Towing of unlawfully parked and abandoned vehicles.

