

HB 99 -- Salvage Motor Vehicles

Sponsor: Parson

This bill defines "salvage vehicle" as a motor vehicle, semitrailer, or house trailer which has been damaged during a year that is no more than three years after the manufacturer's model year to the extent that the total cost of repairs to rebuild or reconstruct the vehicle or trailer to its condition immediately before it was damaged exceed 80% of the fair market value of the vehicle or trailer immediately preceding the time it was damaged or has been declared salvage by an insurance company as a result of settlement of a claim. Currently, there are no model-year restrictions and the vehicle is considered as salvage if the repairs exceed 75% of the fair market value of the vehicle or it has been declared salvage by an insurance company as a result of a settlement of a claim for loss due to damage or theft.

The total cost of repairs to rebuild or reconstruct a vehicle will not include hail damage.

Notification to the Department of Revenue of a transfer of ownership of a vehicle or trailer will not apply to an insurance company due to a theft or casualty loss.

The bill also requires a purchaser of any vehicle sold for salvage, dismantling, or rebuilding to apply for a salvage title. Currently, it is mandatory only for vehicles seven years old or newer.