

SB 200 -- UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION ACT OF 2005

SPONSOR: Stouffer (St. Onge)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Highways and Transportation Commission to take the necessary steps to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the federal Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Act of 2005. The UCR Act eliminates the state's registration system and replaces it with the federal UCR Agreement.

The commission may submit to the proper federal authorities, amend, and carry out a state plan to qualify as a base-state and to participate in the UCR Plan and administer the UCR Agreement. The commission is authorized to administer the registration of Missouri domiciled motor carriers, motor private carriers, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies, and persons domiciled in nonparticipating states who have designated Missouri as their base-state under the UCR Act; to receive, collect, process, deposit, transfer, distribute, and refund registration fees; and to enter into an agreement with any U. S. agency.

Every motor carrier, motor private carrier, broker, and freight forwarder and leasing company that has its principal place of business in Missouri and every person who has designated this state as his or her base-state must timely complete and file with the commission all the forms and registration fees required by the UCR.

Implementing the UCR Act will not be construed as exempting any motor carrier or any person controlled by a motor carrier from any state regulation regarding motor carriers.

The bill also repeals provisions regarding the issuance of interstate motor carrier permits.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that states operating under the single state registration system will be prohibited from continuing to collect interstate regulatory license fees and regulatory license fees from interstate motor carriers that are exempt, regardless of whether the state has joined the UCR Agreement. The bill is needed to allow Missouri to participate in the new federal registration and continue to collect fees. Missouri could lose approximately \$2.3 million in registration

fees annually.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Stouffer; Missouri Motor Carriers Association; and Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.