

HB 2253 -- Transportation

Sponsor: St. Onge

This bill changes the laws regarding motor vehicles, trailers, vessels, outboard motors, and aircraft. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Excludes improperly imported vehicles from the definition of "vehicle";
- (2) Requires all property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be issued two license plates. Currently, property-carrying commercial motor vehicles registered in excess of 12,000 pounds are only issued one plate;
- (3) Allows a Department of Revenue designee or dealer designee to issue a temporary certification of registration for the operation of a vessel;
- (4) Increases the delinquency penalty fee for a certificate of title for an outboard motor from \$10 to \$25 for each 30 days of delinquency and the maximum penalty from \$30 to \$200;
- (5) Requires an application for certificate of ownership by a lienholder to be accompanied with an affidavit that the lienholder provided written notice to all owners and lienholders of the applicant's intent to obtain ownership, a copy of the 45-day notice given to any owner and person holding a valid security interest, and a copy of the certified mail receipt indicating that the owner and lienholder of record was sent the required notice; and
- (6) Allows the owner or lienholder of any vehicle, trailer, vessel, outboard motor, or aircraft, within 10 days of receiving notice, to file a petition in the associate circuit court of the county where the property is stored to determine if the property was wrongfully taken or withheld from the owner.