

HB 2758 with HCA 1 and HCA 3 -- SALVAGE DEALERS

SPONSOR: Kolkmeyer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill requires salvage dealers and salvage pool or salvage disposal sale operators to keep electronic records of all sales of vehicles which titles are salvage, junk, wrecked, nonrepairable, or carry a similar brand. All salvage dealers and operators must also obtain documented proof of any required license when conducting salvage business with any person residing in a jurisdiction that does not require purchasers to be authorized to purchase salvage vehicles in that person's jurisdiction. Such records are to be submitted to the Department of Revenue. Any person who knowingly fails to report all transactions of a vehicle whose title is salvage, junk, wrecked, nonrepairable or carries a similar brand to the statewide database shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by up to \$1000 per infraction.

HCA #1: This amendment requires the department to report all salvage vehicle purchases to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, and changes the state of mind required to violate the bill's requirements from a knowing standard to strict liability standard.

HCA #3: This amendment provides that the department may contract with a third party data consolidator to receive and provide information to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will close a current regulatory oversight where salvage dealers may have vehicles retitled in other states and then resold in Missouri without a record that the vehicle was once declared a total loss.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kolkmeyer.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say there is fear that the bill may create a competitive disadvantage, and that the bill does not address the differences between salvage dealers and salvage pools.

Testifying on the bill was the Department Of Revenue.