

HCS HB 451 -- VEHICLE INSPECTION FEES

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2. Was recommitted from the Floor to the Standing Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight and was voted "Do Pass with HCS #2" by a vote of 5 to 3.

This bill modifies the inspection requirement for non-commercial motor vehicles which is currently required in order to renew a motor vehicle license. New motor vehicles after being sold will not have to have an inspection until after 10 years or the vehicle odometer reads 150,000 miles.

Currently, an untitled, homemade trailer that is 16 feet or more in length must have a certificate of inspection. This bill requires all homemade trailers to have a certificate of inspection and increases the inspection fee from \$10 to \$25. The State Highway Patrol or other authorized law enforcement agency shall issue the vehicle examination certificate. The Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol shall provide law enforcement agencies performing the inspections with the needed forms.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2020.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1444 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there are only 15 states that require inspections. Statistics do not show that fatalities are avoided by getting car inspections.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Eggleston.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that Missouri has one of the most comprehensive inspection programs and it does save lives. New car sensors are great for accident prevention but they are not great for driver safety due to defects under the hood.

Testifying against the bill were Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Missouri; Barbara Kinder; Dave Weaver, Machinists Union; Missouri AFL-CIO; Ben Steinman; United Steelworkers; Sheri Hamilton, Midwest Auto Care Alliance; Mike Moehlenkamp, Gary's Auto Service; Roger Boyles, Midas; and the Missouri Tire Industry Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that by eliminating the

odometer reporting mechanism on the inspection, you take the investigative tool away. In addition, they don't believe that there is a correlation between safety inspections and vehicle crashes.

Testifying on the bill were Captain Lester Elder, Missouri State Highway Patrol; Missouri Department of Revenue; and the Missouri Insurance Coalition.