

HCS HB 2040 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

SPONSOR: Sharpe (4)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 14 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2040.

Currently, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives authorizes the use of its official lineman image emblem to be used on personalized license plates, except for license plates for an apportioned motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of 24,000 pounds gross weight.

This bill removes that exception and requires the Department of Revenue to issue license plates for any non-apportioned vehicles for which it issues a license plate or plates.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would allow the Department of Revenue to issue the association's specialty plates for commercial vehicles. This would allow the electric cooperatives to display the specialty plates on its vehicles.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sharpe and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.