

HB 664 -- MOTOR VEHICLE ODOMETER READINGS

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill changes various laws in which a motor vehicle odometer reading certification is or is not required.

Currently, the first time a certificate of ownership is sought for a vehicle that is at least seven years old at the time of application and the value of which is less than \$3,000, the certificate may be issued if the application is accompanied by certain documents, including an odometer reading certification if the vehicle is less than 10 years old. The bill changes the requirement for the odometer reading certification from 10 to 20 years old.

Motor vehicle dealers are required to make a monthly report to the Department of Revenue regarding vehicles or trailers sold, taxes collected, etc., which includes an odometer reading for vehicles that are less than 10 years old. This bill changes this provision to require an odometer reading for any vehicle that is less than 20 years old.

The crime of odometer fraud in the third degree is changed to occur upon the operation of a motor vehicle less than 20 years old, increased from 10 years old.

The provisions of Sections 407.511 to 407.556, RSMo, regarding odometer fraud, currently do not apply to a motor vehicle that is 10 or more years old. The bill now limits that exception to motor vehicles that are 20 or more years old.

The bill is the same as HB 2660 (2020)

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will bring Missouri into compliance with new federal regulations, which failure to do so could subject Missouri to lose federal highway funding.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruth; Zachary Wyatt, Missouri Department of Revenue.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.