

HCS HB 2317 -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

SPONSOR: Knight

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Accountability by a vote of 15 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2317.

This bill requires that sellers of used motor vehicles have the vehicle inspected no more than 60 days prior to the date of sale, and the seller must provide the purchaser with a certificate of inspection and approval at the point of sale. The purchaser must submit this certificate when registering the vehicle. The inspection requirement will not apply for the sale of motor vehicles having less than 36,000 miles for the three-year period following the model year of manufacture of the vehicle when:

- (1) Sold by a private seller; or
- (2) Sold by a licensed new or used motor vehicle dealer, provided that such dealer has sold at least 200 motor vehicles in the previous calendar year.

The bill also provides that emission inspections will not be required for vehicles that are exempted from the safety inspection.

This bill specifies that a licensed new or used motor vehicle dealer who knowingly completes an inspection with incomplete information will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of their dealer's license.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is a way to update the way we are doing business. If dealerships are selling more than 200 cars in a prior year, they are established as a business and could do their own VIN inspection and odometer reading.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Knight; Casey Garber, Carvana; and Carvana.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill would apply to all Missourians, not only retail but also private sales. Currently, Missourians are exempt from new vehicles having to

obtain a biannual safety inspection. Opponents say they would like to see some amendments that the threshold go to 150,000 miles and over five years, even seven years. Such an amendment would be sensible. Missourians have to take off a whole day of work to go through the process, hurting the state's economy. Currently the wait times for DOR on the eastern side of the state can be anywhere from one to four hours. It is hard to get an appointment that accommodates you; most times on Saturdays are taken months in advance.

Testifying in person against the bill was Arnie C. Ac "Honest-Abe" Dienoff.

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