

HCS HB 378 -- MOTOR VEHICLE TEMPORARY PERMITS

SPONSOR: Pollitt

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

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 378.

This bill authorizes law enforcement officers, based on reasonable suspicion, to stop or inspect someone to determine whether a temporary permit is valid or current. If it has expired by at least 70 days or has been altered, the law enforcement officer must issue a citation and the person will be fined \$250.

If the person properly registers the vehicle within 30 days, the prosecutor will not prosecute the citation and the offense will not appear on the person's driving record. If the vehicle receives an additional citation for a temporary permit offense after the 30-day time period has passed, the vehicle will be impounded until it is properly registered.

This bill is similar to HB 1754 (2024).

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 constituents are frustrated with this issue. About \$60 million are going uncollected through temporary tag abuses. One hundred thirteen thousand six hundred twenty-eight temporary tags have been sold but have not been completed. A law was passed allowing dealers to collect sales tax, but that does not address the issue of the outstanding temporary tags. Supporters say this bill allows law enforcement to stop someone to determine whether there has been a violation of the law. Right now, law enforcement is not pulling people over for this because they have bigger issues to deal with in their communities.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Pollitt; Arnie Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.