

SCS SB 3 -- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FEE OFFICES

SPONSOR: Crawford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Commerce by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill increases the following fees authorized to be charged by motor vehicle registration offices:

- (1) A motor vehicle registration issued, renewed or transferred, increases from \$6 to \$9; and a license sold or biennially renewed, increases from \$12 to \$18;
- (2) An application or transfer of title, increases from \$6 to \$9;
- (3) An instruction permit, nondriver license, chauffeur's, operator's, or driver's license issued for a period of three years or less, increases from \$6 to \$9; and a license or instruction permit issued or renewed for a period exceeding three years, increases from \$12 to \$18; and
- (4) A notice of lien processed, increases from \$6 to \$9.

The bill changes the fees and length of registration for a trailer. The fee increases from \$6 to \$9 for annual registration and allows a three-year registration for \$27 or a permanent registration for \$45.

The bill also specifies that the Director of the Department of Revenue will not award fee office contracts to entities affiliated in any manner, as defined in the bill, with a current employee of the Department or with a former employee of the Department for the one-year period following the employee's termination of employment, and no person affiliated in any manner with an entity awarded a fee office contract will be affiliated in any manner with a motor vehicle title service agent as prescribed by law.

This bill allows the Director to extend certain fee office contracts by up to five years.

This bill is similar to provisions in SCS HCS HB 1775 (2024) and SB 738 (2024)

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there has been one increase passed since 1999 which didn't compensate for the inflationary costs. The Department of Revenue implemented a stringent auditing report that examines every aspect of the fee offices with the intent to get rid

of bad agents. The fee offices provide good customer support services and there is a need to hire and retain good employees and provide them with benefits. In rural communities the license fee offices have closed. There are economic benefits associated with the fee increases mentioned in the bill.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Crawford and Ryan Williams, MO Association of License Offices.

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.