

HB 2189 -- MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Bromley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 19 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 9 to 0.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the Director of the Department of Revenue will be authorized to issue to owners of motor vehicles with a model year of manufacture less than six years, other than as provided in the bill, the option of a five-year registration period if the fee collected is equal to the annual registration fee plus a pro rata amount for the additional four years of the five-year registration, and presentation of all documentation otherwise required by law for vehicle registration.

The bill repeals the provision of law which requires that vehicles manufactured as an even-numbered model year must be renewed each even-numbered calendar year and that vehicles manufactured as an odd-numbered model year must be renewed each odd-numbered calendar year.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 247 (2025).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the process for registering vehicles is slow, and the restriction to two-year registrations makes no sense. Allowing five-year registrations would make citizens lives easier, reducing headaches and saving time, which is the job of the government. People won't have to spend as much time in the license office. The bill only allows longer registration periods on vehicles which would not be required to have a safety inspection during that period. This will result in less bothersome traffic stops.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Bromley; Tony Shepherd, Abate For Missouri; Mo State NAACP; and Americans For Prosperity.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the even and odd registration periods are part of other legislation supported by the Department of Revenue. In July, the uninsured motorist program will come online, which will help address concerns about insurance. The Department will have real-time updates from

providers and constituents will receive mail from the Department when they are no longer insured. Property tax information is provided to the Department by counties on at least a monthly basis.

Testifying in person on the bill were the Missouri Insurance Coalition and Zachary Wyatt, Department of Revenue.

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.