

HB 2514 -- MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS

SPONSOR: Weter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Rural Community Development by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires any motor vehicle dealership which requires warranty work and repairs to be completed by a manufacturer-authorized dealership or repair facility and the dealership or repair facility discontinues this service and no other authorized dealership or repair facility is located within 75 miles of the dealership or repair facility to contract with another dealership or repair facility that is certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence and is located within 75 miles.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that when a dealership closes its repair shop or the authorized repair shop closes, car owners are forced to travel great distances for repairs that are still under warranty. Sometimes, the cars can't even be driven. Finding a manufacturer-authorized repair facility can become very costly in terms of time and money. The bill will make it easier for consumers to have warranty-covered repairs completed on their cars.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Weter.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.