

HCS SB 568 -- MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

SPONSOR: Parson (Franz)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute authorizes the Director of the Department of Revenue to produce or allow others to produce a weather resistant, non-tearing temporary permit authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle or trailer by a buyer for not more than 30 days from the date of purchase. The temporary permit may be bought from the vehicle dealer upon the purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the buyer has registered and is awaiting receipt of license plates. The fee for the temporary permit cannot exceed \$5. Each temporary permit issued must be securely fastened to the back of the motor vehicle in a place consistent with registration plates so that all parts and qualities are plainly and clearly visible, reasonably clean, and not impaired in any way. The department director may reissue a temporary registration permit at his or her discretion for a motor vehicle or trailer while proper title and registration are being obtained. Upon the issuance of a temporary permit by the department or a dealer, the department director must make the information associated with the issued temporary permit immediately available to law enforcement.

Currently, the owner of a commercial motor vehicle licensed with a 12,000 pound or less gross weight has the option of biennially registering. The substitute changes the weight limitation to up to 54,000 pounds.

The substitute changes the provisions commonly known as the state move over law to require a driver of a motor vehicle that is approaching a stationary vehicle owned by the State Highways and Transportation Commission and operated by a Department of Transportation employee displaying lighted amber or amber and white lights to proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way by making a lane change away from the stationary vehicle, if possible. The definition of "emergency vehicle" is expanded to include any vehicle owned by the commission and operated by an authorized department employee that is marked as an emergency response or motorist assistance vehicle.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of a cost of \$76,320 in FY 2013, an income of \$28,536 to a cost of up to \$1,969,759 in FY 2014, and an income of \$28,536 to a cost of up to \$1,969,759 in FY 2015. Estimated Net Cost on Other State Funds of \$0 in FY 2013, \$749,361 or \$2,248,082 in FY 2014, and \$749,361 or \$2,248,082 in FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that adding Department of Transportation vehicles to the move over law will create a safer work environment for state employees while they are performing routine roadside maintenance, assisting motorists, or aiding law enforcement. The department vehicle needs to have proper lighting in order to alert motorists.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Parson; Department of Transportation; Karl Streckfuss, Saint Louis County Police Department; Highway and Transportation Employees' Association; and Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.