

SS SCS SB 633 -- SCRAP METAL OPERATORS

SPONSOR: Engler (Largent)

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

This substitute allows a scrap metal operator to purchase or acquire an inoperable motor vehicle, or the parts from a vehicle, that is at least 10 model years old without receiving the original title if the scrap metal operator verifies with the Department of Revenue, via the department's online record access, that the motor vehicle is not subject to any recorded security interest or lien. The scrap metal operator must also forward a copy of the seller's state identification, along with a bill of sale, to the department. The bill of sale form, which must be designed by the department director, must include a certification that the motor vehicle is at least 10 model years old, is inoperable, and is not subject to any recorded security interest or lien and a certification by the seller that he or she has the legal authority to sell the vehicle. Upon receipt of this information, the department must cancel any certificate of title and registration for the motor vehicle. If the motor vehicle is inoperable and at least 20 model years old, the scrap metal operator cannot be required to verify whether the motor vehicle is subject to any recorded security interests or liens.

"Inoperable" means a motor vehicle that is in a rusted, wrecked, discarded, worn out, extensively damaged, dismantled, and mechanically inoperative condition and the vehicle's highest and best use is for scrap purposes.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income of Other State Funds of \$1,153 in FY 2013, \$1,383 in FY 2014, and \$1,383 in FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill attempts to correct an issue regarding the purchase of older vehicles for scrap metal. Currently, a scrap metal company cannot purchase a vehicle unless the seller's name is on the title. This isn't always possible, especially with older vehicles that have been inoperable for a period of time.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Engler; John Rakos, Advantage Metals Recycling; and Recycle Missouri, Incorporated.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.