

HCS HB 694 -- SEMITRAILER REGISTRATIONS

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill modifies the definition of a junk vehicle to include a vehicle that has been designated junk or a substantially equivalent designation by this state or any other state; specifies allowable transactions with a junking certificate and revises the language restricting the issuance of a salvage or original certificate of title after a junking certificate has been issued.

The bill modifies the law regarding semitrailer and trailer registration. Currently, only a trailer or semitrailer that is operated coupled to a towing vehicle by a fifth wheel and kingpin assembly or by a trailer converter dolly may, at the option of the registrant, be permanently registered upon the payment of a \$52.50 fee. This bill allows the owner of any trailer or semitrailer the option to register his or her trailer or semitrailer permanently upon payment of the fee.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will clarify ambiguity in the current law. Additionally, the junking provisions bring Missouri law into line with other bordering states.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brattin.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.