

HCS HB 1329 -- MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Silvey

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Budget by a vote of 29 to 0.

This substitute authorizes the Director of the Department of Revenue to issue a temporary permit authorizing the temporary 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 purchased from a dealer upon purchase of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the buyer has registered and is awaiting receipt of license plates for the use or right to use the highways of the state. The fee for the temporary permit cannot exceed \$5.00. The department director may issue an extended temporary registration permit at his or her discretion for a motor vehicle or trailer while proper title and registration are being obtained.

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 authorizes the department director to issue motor vehicle dealer licenses valid for a two-year period and to stagger the license periods for administrative efficiency.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Income on General Revenue Fund of \$2,375,763 in FY 2013, \$3,023,459 in FY 2014, and \$3,023,459 in FY 2015. Estimated Net Cost on Other State Funds of \$2,287,788 in FY 2013, \$2,745,346 in FY 2014, and \$2,745,346 in FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill replaces one temporary motor vehicle tag with another. The movement of collections to at-the-point-of-sale is continued with the bill. The current temporary tag is easy to forge since it is marked up with only a sharpie. The new one will be printed with an actual number and an officer will have as much available information from it as a regular license plate. This is a public safety issue and an auto dealer issue. The redesign of the temporary tag offers law enforcement an investigation tool which is not now available. Information as to the owner and an address of the vehicle will be immediately available. Also, it will allow any person that witnesses a situation to identify the vehicle by an actual number.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Silvey; Michael Halford, Missouri Troopers Association; Missouri Sheriffs

Association; and Missouri Automobile Dealers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.