

HB 1745 -- SEMITRAILER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

SPONSOR: Brattin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

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 permanently register the trailer upon the payment of a \$52.50 fee. The bill allows any trailer or semitrailer to be permanently registered.

This bill is the same as HB 694 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will assist farmers and other business owners who must have multiple vehicles registered. By being able to have their vehicles permanently registered, the need to make multiple trips to have them registered is eliminated. The incentive to fraud the state by switching registration plates from a currently registered vehicle to a not currently registered vehicle is also eliminated.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brattin.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.