

HCS HB 2757 -- BICENTENNIAL LICENSE REISSUANCE

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

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 Local and State Governments by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes an advisory committee to design a new Missouri license plate commemorating the bicentennial of Missouri. The advisory committee is composed of the Director of Revenue, the Superintendent of the Highway Patrol, the Correctional Enterprises Administrator, the Chair of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission or his or her designee, the Executive Director of the Missouri State Historical Society, and the respective chairpersons of both the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives Transportation Committees. The license plate design shall be agreed upon by January 1, 2017, and the final design shall be implemented not later than January 1, 2018. The final design is exempt from the requirement that Missouri license plates bear the "SHOW-ME STATE" slogan.

The bill also includes an emergency clause.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill would enable the Department of Revenue to commemorate Missouri's bicentennial, while at the same time help the state perform the necessary function of license plate reissuance for revenue and fraud prevention purposes.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kolkmeier.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the logistics and finances necessary to reissue the license plates in a prompt manner are concerning.

Testifying on the bill were the Department Of Transportation; Doug Crews, Missouri Press Association; and the Department Of Revenue.