

HB 2122 -- VEHICLE SALES

SPONSOR: Engler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill changes certain vehicle sales laws. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Raises the bond requirement for motor vehicle dealers from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the sales requirement from six vehicles to 24;
- (2) Requires motor vehicle dealers to submit regular business hours, a phone number, and electronic mail address and maintain a working phone and electronic mail address for use by the Department of Revenue and the general public;
- (3) Modifies dealer license plate classifications;
- (4) Allows discretion to suspend a dealer license instead of making such action mandatory for certain violations; and
- (5) Enacts new regulations under Section 301.566, RSMo, for holding "off premise events" involving the sale of specified vehicles by license holders at areas away from their normal place of business. The criteria for holding these off premise events is specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 707 and HB 1034 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help prevent loss of revenue to the state from individuals who engage in extremely minimal auto sales and are then exempt from all property taxes and other fees on multiple other vehicles. It will also enact a fair system for off premise auto sales so that local dealers are not overwhelmed by extremely large and temporary sales operations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler and the Missouri Auto Dealers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.