

HB 2122 -- VEHICLE SALES (Engler)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Transportation

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 (Sections 301.213 and 301.560, RSMo);
- (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 (Sections 301.559 & 301.560);
- (3) Modifies dealer license plate classifications and provides procedure for reissue of certificates and plates when dealerships are transferred; (Sections 301.550, 301.552, 301.553, 301.557, 301.560, and 301.580);
- (4) Allows discretion to suspend a dealer license instead of making such action mandatory for certain violations (Sections 301.562);
- (5) Enacts new regulations 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 (Section 301.566);
- (6) Sets limits on the issuance of dealer plates based on annual sales. Six sales per year is required for dealer status and the issuance of one plate, 12 sales per year will authorize a second plate, 20 sales per year will authorize a third plate, and an additional plate is authorized for each 10 sales. Similar requirements for used vehicle dealers are also specified in the bill (Sections 301.552 and 301.560); and
- (7) Allows use of motor vehicle inspections made within 90 days of an application for register or transfer by new owners of a vehicle. Inspections must be made within 60 days of the purchase date (Section 307.350).

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