

HCS HB 2180 -- SALVAGE VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill requires operators of salvage pools or salvage disposal sales to keep an electronic record of vehicles whose title is branded as salvage, junk, wrecked, derelict, nonrepairable, or similar brands. The criteria for record keeping and reporting information is specified in the bill and includes obtaining proof of license to do business as a salvage dealer in Missouri or a declaration that the purchaser is authorized to purchase salvage vehicles by another jurisdiction. A knowing violation of the bill's provisions involving record keeping or reporting information for a statewide database to the Missouri Department of Revenue will be a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$1000 per violation.

Information sharing with law enforcement and third parties regarding the status of vehicle titles by the department is specified in the bill. Those selling vehicles with the aforementioned indications will report such transactions to the department within 10 days of the requisite transaction.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill streamlines the process of titling salvage vehicles and requires use of a system to check cars sold at auction to ensure they are not damaged out-of-state vehicles. Auctions will make use of a national database to verify proper title. The bill is designed to reduce consumer fraud such as the sale of flooded vehicles and the evasion of licensing laws.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kolkmeier; Missouri Auto & Truck Recyclers Association; and Kevin Fisk, LKQ Corporation.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that its requirements are duplicative and could impede the export of Missouri vehicles to other countries. The bill is regulatory overreach and could result in a more monopolistic market for vehicles.

Testifying against the bill were Doug Nelson, COPART; Missouri Insurance Coalition; and the Insurance Auto Auctions.