

HCS HB 1952 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1952.

This bill sets out requirements for and procedures by which a salvage pool and a used motor vehicle dealer may obtain a salvage certificate of title or a junking certificate if the subject vehicle has remained unclaimed for more than 45 days.

The bill also sets out requirements for and a procedure by which an insurer that purchases a vessel or watercraft through the claims adjustment process and for which the insurer cannot obtain a negotiable title can obtain a salvage certificate of title.

The House Committee Substitute allows notice to be proven by providing proof of delivery by a nationally recognized courier service.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this provides solutions to salvage pools that have abandoned vehicles on their property. If a vehicle is abandoned, there is no way, currently, to acquire title to salvage, so this legislation is necessary to provide a mechanism for that. In order to auction off abandoned vehicles, auction houses also need to acquire title before they can auction the vehicles off.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Kelli Rogers, Insurance Auto Auctions; Michael Friedman, Copart, Inc.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.