

SCS SB 757, HCA 1 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Shields (Cooper, 120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute modifies the definition of "driveaway operation" to include the transporting of vehicles from one place to another by driveaway or towaway methods or by any person who is lawfully engaged in the business of transporting or delivering vehicles that are not their own or vehicles that are required to be registered by the driveaway or towaway methods from the point of manufacture, assembly, or distribution or from the owner of the vehicle to a dealer or sales agent of the manufacturer or to any consignee designated by the shipper or consignor.

Driveaway license plates may only be used for the purpose of transporting vehicles and may not be used by tow truck operators moving wrecked, disabled, abandoned, improperly parked, or burned vehicles.

The substitute also extends the area of operation for land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicles from 25 miles to 50 miles when transporting its owner's machinery, equipment, or supplies to and from projects involving soil and water conservation or to and from the dealer for maintenance.

HCA 1 -- Exempts the commercial drivers' license requirements for emergency or fire personnel who drive their equipment in other functions such as parades and special events or for maintenance and repair service.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say the bill will allow better transit of vehicles and makes Missouri's driveaway plates similar to those of other states.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Shields.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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