

SB 955 -- REFUND OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

SPONSOR: Shields (Wildberger)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, motor vehicle owners can receive credit for any unused portion of a registration fee if they cannot transfer their license plates to a newly acquired vehicle due to a change of vehicle category. This bill allows a motor vehicle owner who sells a motor vehicle and does not replace it with another vehicle to receive a refund for the unused portion of the vehicle's registration fee if the amount is more than \$5.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows a person to recover the remaining portion of a registration fee that he or she has paid for and will not use or cannot transfer to a new plate. Supporters say this is an issue of fairness.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wildberger for Senator Shields; and Missouri Motor Carriers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.