

SCS SB 355 -- ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF A  
VEHICLE

SPONSOR: Dempsey (Wasson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on  
General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute allows motor vehicle, powersport, and boat dealers to charge an administrative fee of less than \$200 for storing and filing forms related to the sale or lease of a vehicle. The administrative fee must be charged to all retail customers and be disclosed as a separate itemized charge and include a disclaimer to the customer that it is not a legally required fee. If the courts rule that administrative fees charged in compliance with this section are the unauthorized practice or business of law, no person who paid an administrative fee may recover the fee or damages and no person who charged the fee will be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in Section 484.020, RSMo.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies that dealers may fill out, file, store, and charge for common sale and lease agreements for their customers.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Dempsey; Missouri Automobile Dealers Association; Missouri Power Sports Dealers Association; Lake Ozark Marine Dealers Association; and Mike Kehoe, Missouri Automobile Dealers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.