

HCS HB 2139 -- MOTOR VEHICLE JUNKING CERTIFICATES

SPONSOR: Schatz

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

Currently, upon receipt of a properly completed application for a motor vehicle junking certificate, the Director of the Department of Revenue must issue a junking certificate to the applicant authorizing the holder to possess, transport, or transfer ownership by assignment in the parts, scrap or junk, and a certificate of title cannot again be issued for the vehicle except that the initial purchaser must be allowed to rescind the application within 90 days.

This bill repeals those provisions and specifies that the Department of Revenue can only issue a junking certificate for a motor vehicle that has been designated as junk or any substantially equivalent designation, regardless of whether the designation was made in Missouri or any other state. The department cannot issue a salvage certificate or an original certificate of title if the motor vehicle has been designated as junk in any state. If a vehicle has not previously been designated as junk or any other substantially equivalent designation from any state, an applicant making the original junking certification application must be allowed to rescind the application within 90 days by surrendering the junking certificate and applying for a salvage certificate of title in the applicant's name.

Currently, only a trailer as defined in section 301.010 or semitrailer which is operated coupled to a towing vehicle by a fifth wheel and kingpin assembly or by a trailer converter dolly may be registered permanently. The bill repeals that provision and allows all trailers as defined in section 301.010 or semitrailers to be registered permanently.

Currently, a scrap metal operator may purchase or acquire a motor vehicle that is inoperable or at least 10 model years old without obtaining the original certificate of title, salvage certificate of title, or junking certificate from the seller of the vehicle. The bill repeals this provision and requires a scrap metal operator to obtain the original certificate of title, salvage certificate of title, or junking certificate from the seller of the vehicle.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that when a motor vehicle is designated as junk in another state, the designation can be removed in Missouri which makes the vehicle drivable again. Supporters say that this bill will prevent that from happening and vehicles

designated as junk in another state will keep that designation in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schatz and Paul Harper with Missouri Department of Transportation.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.