

HCS HB 275 -- TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS (Spencer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Government Oversight

This bill requires motorists charged with traffic violations to receive notification, in person, from an officer employed by the law enforcement agency issuing the violation, within 24 hours of the violation. This does not apply to parking tickets, incidents requiring further investigation, or any other situation in which in-person notification is not possible.

This bill prohibits any state agency or political subdivision of this state from enacting or enforcing any law that authorizes the use of an automated traffic system which records images of cars, drivers, or the license plates in order to establish that a traffic infraction occurred. The bill does not apply to information recorded and used at weigh stations managed by the State Highway Patrol or the Department of Transportation. Any state agency or political subdivision that currently has an automated traffic enforcement system installation or maintenance contract must complete or terminate the contract within one year of the effective date.

The bill does not allow exemptions to be made for political subdivisions in the future except by express reference as it contains an entrenchment clause.

Agricultural machinery is allowed to be operated from sunrise to sunset if it has appropriate lighting.

All municipal, county and political subdivision traffic violations must conform to the Missouri Supreme Court schedule of traffic fines so that no fine may be increased beyond what the schedule allows. No traffic violation not on the schedule may be established by such political subdivisions.

This bill is similar to HB 1945 (2016) and HB 234 (2015).