

HCS SCS SB 147 -- MOTOR VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Sater (Taylor)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 6 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

AUTOCYCLES

This bill redefines the definition of autocycle to include more types of three-wheeled motor vehicles.

LICENSE PLATE RENEWALS

This bill specifies that fees for the renewal of noncommercial motor vehicle registrations shall be payable no later than the last day of the month that follows the final month of the expired registration period. No renewal penalty shall be assessed, and no violation for expired registration shall be issued, until the second month that follows the expired registration period.

HELMET RULES

This bill allows qualified motorcycle and motortricycle operators, 18 years or older, to operate without a helmet if they have both medical insurance and proof of financial responsibility under Chapter 303, RSMo.

Proof of coverage may be shown using a copy of the operator's insurance card.

This bill is the same as HB 2158 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow consumers to pay their license plate renewals through the last day of the month that the plate expires on.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Sater.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this will further clarify when you have to get your license plates renewed; the Department of Revenue and the highway patrol already agree with the provisions of the bill, but many local law enforcement agencies do not agree.

Testifying on the bill was the Department of Revenue.