

HCS HB 1256 -- VEHICLE AND VESSEL REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Walsh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill requires license bureau fee offices awarded contracts by the Department of Revenue (DOR) to electronically verify personal property tax payment data as directed under Section 301.025, RSMo.

The bill also authorizes the option of electronic verification that personal property taxes were paid for the year immediately preceding the year for which registration is applied as an alternative to a paper tax receipt.

Beginning August 28, 2021, no motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer license registration or renewal may be issued until the license bureau fee office electronically verifies that the applicant has paid all personal property taxes due on the motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer.

Beginning August 28, 2021, all county collectors and collector-treasurers must participate in the electronic data-sharing agreement with the DOR to enable electronic verification of paid personal property taxes. The costs of implementing this requirement can be charged to the tax maintenance funds established in Chapters 52 and 54.

The bill authorizes the option of electronic verification that personal property taxes were paid for the year immediately preceding the year for which a vessel certificate of number or registration is applied as an alternative to a paper tax receipt.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this will simplify the registration process for many people, and a large majority of collectors already have the ability to provide personal property tax payment data to the Department of Revenue electronically.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Walsh.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that requiring a paid personal property tax receipt in order to register a motor vehicle, vessel, or trailer is the only way to get some people to pay those

taxes.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri Association of Counties; Missouri Association of County Collectors; ;School Administrators Coalition; and Boone County, Missouri.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that there are loopholes in the bill that need to be closed before the bill will work.

Testifying on the bill were Missouri State Assessors Association; and Department of Revenue.