

HCS HB 1959 -- THIRD-PARTY MOTOR VEHICLE REPORTS

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1959.

This bill provides that a motor vehicle dealer and persons or entities affiliated with the dealer who, in conjunction with the actual or potential sale or lease of a motor vehicle, provides or makes available to the vehicle purchaser or lessee a third-party motor vehicle report as defined in the bill is exempt from liability to the purchaser or lessee for any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies contained in the report that are not based upon information provided directly to the preparer of the report by the dealer.

The exemption from liability does not apply in the case of any dealer having actual knowledge about a vehicle's accident, salvage, or service history which is different from, or not disclosed on, any third-party motor vehicle report.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that motor vehicle dealers generally have no control over the content of the report, and therefore should not be responsible for any inaccuracies or errors; however, most dealers will do all they can to help the customer anyway.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ruth; and Robert Sight, Rob Sight Ford.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.