

HB 153 -- FARM VEHICLES REGISTRATION

SPONSOR: Rone

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Revenue to establish a system in which persons who own multiple farm vehicles can elect to have the vehicles placed on the same registration renewal schedule.

All farm vehicles included in the fleet of a registered farm vehicle fleet owner shall be registered during April or on a prorated basis, as specified in the bill. The bill allows the owner of a farm vehicle fleet to add a farm vehicle or transfer plates to a fleet vehicle. The owner must pay a transfer fee of \$2 for each vehicle transferred.

Farm vehicles registered under this provision shall be issued a special license plate with the phrase "Farm Fleet Vehicle" and be issued multiyear license plates that do not require a renewal tab. The Director of Revenue shall issue a registration certificate or other proof of payment of the annual or biennial fee that must be carried in the vehicle for which it is issued.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will streamline the process of registering farm vehicles for farmers around the state. Currently, farmers spend many hours and days a year registering their farm vehicles.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rone; Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Corn Growers Association; and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.