

SESSION OF 2016

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2563**

As Agreed to March 23, 2016

Brief*

HB 2563 would amend the definition of “nonhighway vehicle” to include any travel trailer that cannot be registered because it is not manufactured for the purpose of using the travel trailer on state highways and is not provided with the equipment for use on highways. The bill also would amend the definition of “salvage vehicle” to include a travel trailer that cannot be registered because it has been wrecked or damaged to the extent it cannot meet safety requirements for operation on the highways. The bill also would add travel trailers to the definitions of “salvage title” and “rebuilt salvage title.”

The bill would add “travel trailer” to a requirement the owner of a vehicle meeting the definition of a salvage vehicle apply for a salvage title before ownership is transferred. The bill would similarly amend provisions requiring notification from an insurance company to the owner of a travel trailer meeting the definition of a salvage vehicle and provisions requiring the lessor or owner of a travel trailer meeting the definition of a salvage vehicle to apply for a salvage title within 60 days after notification or acquiring ownership.

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Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to remove the contents of HB 2563 and insert the contents of SB 405, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Transportation. (The contents of HB 2563 were inserted into HB 2522 by Conference Committee action.)

Background

The Conference Committee agreed to replace the contents of HB 2563 with those of SB 405.

SB 405 Background

The bill was requested by the Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, and a representative of the Division of Vehicles was the only conferee in the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing. The Division representative stated travel trailers with salvage titles brought into Kansas have been issued highway titles because current law does not permit a salvage title for any vehicle that is not a motor vehicle (*i.e.*, self-propelled). The representative stated Kansas dealers and consumers then may purchase such trailers without knowing they had been damaged.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

At the House Committee on Transportation hearing, a representative for the Division of Vehicles testified in support of the bill. Written proponent testimony was submitted by a representative for the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would lead to costs of \$3,680: \$1,200 for information system modifications and \$2,480 for updates to agency policy and procedure forms and communications to counties. It is estimated these costs could be handled within current agency operating expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

nonhighway vehicle; travel trailer; salvage title

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