SENATE BILL No. 502

By Committee on Agriculture

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9 AN ACT concerning farm equipment; relating to warranty repair work; transportation expenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Dealership agreement" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 16-1202, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Farm equipment" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 16-1202, and amendments thereto.
- (3) "Farm equipment dealer" or "farm equipment dealership" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 16-1202, and amendments thereto.
- (4) "Farm equipment manufacturer" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 16-1202, and amendments thereto.
- (b) With respect to any farm equipment sold on or after July 1, 2008, for any warranty repair work performed for a consumer by a farm equipment dealer under the provisions of a farm equipment manufacturer's express warranty, the farm equipment dealer shall pay for any transportation expenses related to such repair work. Such transportation expenses shall be limited to the cost of sending repair service personnel to the location of the farm equipment or the cost of hauling the farm equipment to the service location, or both, if both costs were necessary under the circumstances. The farm equipment dealer shall not charge or otherwise require the consumer to pay for such transportation expenses.
- (c) In addition to the requirements of K.S.A. 16-120, and amendments thereto, with respect to any farm equipment sold on or after July 1, 2008, any warranty repair work performed for a consumer by a farm equipment dealer under the provisions of a farm equipment manufacturer's express warranty, shall require the farm equipment manufacturer to reimburse the dealer for any transportation expenses related to such repair work. Such transportation expenses shall be limited to the cost of sending repair service personnel to the location of the farm equipment or the cost of hauling the farm equipment to the service location, or both, if both costs were necessary under the circumstances. Such costs shall not exceed the cost charged to consumers for similar services related to nonwarranty repair work.

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- (d) Nothing in this act shall apply to, or operate or be construed to invalidate, impair or otherwise infringe upon the specific requirements of any contract or dealership agreement between a farm equipment dealer and a farm equipment manufacturer entered into prior to the effective date of this section, if such contract or dealership agreement is in effect on the effective date of this section.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a farm equipment manufacturer who provides in a written dealer agreement for compensation to a farm equipment dealer for transportation expenses related to warranty repair work either as: (1) A discount in the pricing of the farm equipment to the farm equipment dealer; or (2) a lump sum payment to the farm equipment dealer, provided such payment is not less than 5% of the suggested retail price of the equipment.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.