



Written Testimony on Senate Bill 405
Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Kansas Highway Patrol appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding Senate Bill 405. As written in its current form, this bill will establish the ability to title "travel trailers", identified as no longer being roadworthy due to damage sustained or previously branded in another state, as a non-highway or salvage vehicle in Kansas.

Current law already allows for a non-highway or salvage title brand for a motor vehicle, however by definition "travel trailers" are not currently included in that law. Subsequently, the Kansas Highway Patrol is responsible for completing all inspections of vehicles with salvaged branded titles including "travel trailers".

Any person making application for any original Kansas certificate of title for a used vehicle which, at the time of making application, is titled in another state shall have such vehicle inspected by the Kansas Highway Patrol. This includes all non-highway or salvage titled vehicles and "travel trailers". Upon completion of the inspection, the current law would allow for the owner of a previously non-highway or salvage titled travel trailer to receive a clear Kansas certificate of title. Consequently, the removal of the non-highway or salvage brand designation from an out of state title, would allow for the resale of said travel trailer without obvious evidence it had been deemed not roadworthy and previously classified as a salvage vehicle.

The benefits of Senate Bill 405 will be specific to the buyers who purchase "travel trailers" as well as dealerships who sell "travel trailers". Unwitting buyers can potentially be a victim of purchasing "travel trailers" that have a clean Kansas title when in fact it was brought into the State of Kansas on an out of state salvage title.

In closing, the Kansas Highway Patrol understands and appreciates the importance of Senate Bill 405. We stand in support of the bill as it will protect both the buyer and seller of "travel trailers" within the State of Kansas.

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