



Oral Testimony on HB 2501 to the Senate Transportation Committee
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LKQ Supports Kansas House Bill 2501 and the Amendment

On behalf of LKQ Corporation, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify before your Committee and express support for HB 2501 but would like to offer an amendment. This proposed amendment adds “salvage vehicle dealers” to the existing language, allowing them access to the similar process of obtaining titles for vehicles abandoned at their property. The amendment also clarifies that the Department of Revenue may request proof that the vehicle came from an insurance company. The proposed amendment has been vetted by the proponents and the Department as to afford licensed salvage vehicle dealers the same recourse to a similar problem.

LKQ Corporation is a leading provider of recycled, alternative, and specialty parts to repair and accessorize automobiles and other vehicles. LKQ has operations in over 20 countries across the globe. LKQ offers its customers a broad range of replacement systems, components, equipment and parts to repair and accessorize automobiles, trucks, and recreational and performance vehicles.

LKQ employs approximately 25,000 people in North America and operates more than 550 facilities in 47 states. In Kansas, LKQ has 384 employees at 10 facilities located in the following cities: one (1) in Kansas City, one (1) in Lawrence, one (1) in Liberal, one (1) in Manhattan, two (2) in Topeka, and three (3) in Wichita, and pays taxes on payroll of more than \$25.2 Million.

As members of the Senate Transportation Committee, I hope you will recognize the benefits this bill affords to those in the salvage vehicle industry. On behalf of LKQ Corporation, I ask you to accept the proposed amendment and support HB 2501. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (312) 621-2743 or by email at rprosenmayer@lkqcorp.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rudy Rosenmayer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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(k) (1) A salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer, as defined and licensed to operate in the state of Kansas under ~~in~~ K.S.A. 8-2401, and amendments thereto, et seq. may apply for an ownership document with the division of vehicles without forwarding the statement of origin or certificate of title to the division for a vehicle that is the subject of an insurance claim when:

(A) At the request of an insurance company, the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer obtains possession of the vehicle;

(B) the insurance claim for the vehicle has not been paid by the insurance company; and

(C) the vehicle has been abandoned at the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer's facility for more than 30 days.

(2) An application made pursuant to this subsection shall provide at the request of the division, sufficient evidence of the request by the insurance company to obtain possession of the vehicle and that at least two written notices were delivered by certified mail, or through another courier service that provides proof of delivery, to the owner of the vehicle and any lienholder of the vehicle requesting that the vehicle be removed from the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer's facility. Such written notice shall specify that the owner of the vehicle or any lienholder of the vehicle has at least 30 days from the receipt of the notice to remove the vehicle. If the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer does not receive proof of delivery for the notices, the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer shall cause notice of the application for an ownership document to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the vehicle is located.

(3) If the most recent ownership document for the vehicle was not issued by this state, the application shall also include evidence of an inspection of the vehicle completed by the Kansas highway patrol pursuant to K.S.A. 8-116a, and amendments thereto. The application shall also indicate whether a certificate of title, a salvage title or a nonrepairable vehicle certificate shall be issued for the vehicle.

(4) Upon receipt of the application and all information required by this subsection, the division shall issue to the salvage vehicle pool or salvage vehicle dealer a certificate of title, a salvage title or a nonrepairable vehicle certificate free and clear of all liens, security interests and encumbrances.