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Re: HB 2147

To: Senate Committee on Transportation
From: Representative Francis Awerkamp, 61st District

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the hearing on HB 2147 and for allowing me to testify.

HB 2147 will help ensure that the purchaser of an abandoned vehicle that was sold at public auction receives the proper paperwork to get a title for the vehicle they purchased. Currently a tow agency or public agency may sell an abandoned vehicle at public auction with a possessory lien affidavit. The current issue is that there is no verification that the paperwork is filled out properly and frequently it is not, leaving the purchaser of the vehicle unable to secure a title.

HB 2147 as amended will insert a step in the process and require that the possessory lien affidavit paperwork is completed properly prior to selling an abandoned vehicle at public auction, thus ensuring that any owners and lien holders of the vehicle are properly notified prior to the sale, and that the purchaser has the proper paperwork to get title.

This bill will help individuals and also salvage yards, as well as eliminate some possibility of abuse of the loose process.

Respectfully,

Francis Awerkamp

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