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Legislative Testimony
by the
Kansas Motor Carriers Association
before the

Senate Transportation Committee
Senator Mike Petersen, Chairman

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

In Support of House Bill No. 2147 as amended

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

I am Deann Williams, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear before you this morning representing our Towing and Recovery Division, in support of House Bill No. 2147 as amended.

Towing companies must follow strict guidelines when selling an abandoned vehicle to satisfy a Towing and Recovery Possessory Lien. We often refer to tow companies as the "Litter Control Officers of our Streets and Highways." Most of the vehicles they sell are not roadworthy and basically salvage. The vehicles do not bring a lot of money at public auction. Now, if HB 2147 is adopted, the cost of disposing these vehicles by the towing company would increase. After several conversations we have had over this bill, the towing companies are ready to pay the additional \$20 fee for the Certification of Compliance to insure all the paperwork is correct and ready for auction.

Currently, Salvage Vehicle Dealers are required to have in their possession a title for every vehicle they have in their salvage yard. When the remains of a vehicle is destroyed, the Salvage Vehicle Dealer must turn the title documentation into the Division of Vehicles. The Division is required to submit the VIN number to National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) which will end of life that VIN number.

KMCA worked with representatives from the Division of Vehicles, Rep. Awerkamp, towing companies and salvage dealers over the last few years to get this legislation done correctly. We think the Certificate of Compliance is a step in the right direction.

We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning and would be pleased to respond to questions.



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