

Testimony of
John Peterson on behalf of Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA)
House Transportation Committee
Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 36
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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee,

I am John Peterson representing Insurance Auto Auctions. I appreciate the opportunity to present IAA's support for Senate Bill 36. IAA has two salvage pool facilities in the state of Kansas, one in Kansas City and one in Wichita. IAA processes thousands of total loss vehicles per year for the insurance industry.

SB 36 includes the changes made by this committee when they amended and recommended 2020 HB 2501.

This bill would allow a salvage pool to obtain an ownership document for the vehicle in its name if a vehicle has been brought to the lot as the subject of an insurance claim, but subsequently that claim is not paid and the vehicle remains unclaimed on the premises of the salvage pool for more than 30 days. The salvage pool would then send two notices to the vehicle owner and lienholder to remove the vehicle. If the salvage vehicle pool does not receive proof of delivery for the notices, the salvage vehicle pool 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. If the vehicle is not removed within 30 days from the date of notice, the salvage pool may apply for a title in its name. If the most recent ownership document for the vehicle was not issued by this state, an inspection of the vehicle by the Kansas highway patrol is required. This bill language was drafted in conjunction and pursuant to input from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

This measure also contains provisions allowing for the delegation of certain inspection functions. Other conferees will speak to those particulars, but we support these provisions as well.

Mr. Chair, I hope that my comments have been helpful to your Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. We would encourage your support for SB 36.

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