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Senator Kevin Engler's Vehicle Registration Bill Moves to Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – A bill sponsored by State Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, that would loosen the laws pertaining to vehicle registration and inspections will soon be heard before the Senate Transportation Committee.

Senate Bill 290 would give owners of motor vehicles the option of registering their vehicle on either a biennial or quadrennial basis.

“Granting vehicle owners the choice of registering their cars every two or four years saves them the hassle of showing up to the registration counter each year, and it saves the state the money from having to process those annual registrations,” Engler said. “I expect to receive strong bipartisan support for this piece of efficiency-building initiative. Who wouldn’t want to save car owners’ time and the state’s money?”

Also under the bill, only a one-time vehicle safety inspection would be required at the time of registration. The inspection would be valid until the owner sells the vehicle. Missouri is one of only 20 states that currently has mandated annual safety inspections for cars and trucks.

“Missouri vehicle owners should be allowed to take responsibility for the upkeep of their own cars, rather than having their daily lives micro-managed by the government,” Engler said. “People have enough routine maintenance performed on their cars as it is. Major safety issues don’t happen on schedule, so having a mandated check is more of a hindrance than a help.”

Once the bill is voted out of committee, it will go to the Senate floor for debate by the full body. A final passing vote in the Senate will send the measure to the House of Representatives for similar consideration. Joint passage moves the bill to the governor’s desk.

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