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Senate Gives Final Approval to Sen. John Griesheimer's Bill to Allow Motor Vehicle Dealers to Title and Register Vehicles

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Senate today (4/23) gave final approval to a bill sponsored by state Senator John Griesheimer, R-Washington, that would allow motor vehicle dealers to collect and remit sales taxes for the initial sale or lease of motor vehicles.

Senator Griesheimer's [Senate Bill 363](#) would provide Missouri consumers another option for titling and registering vehicles by allowing the Missouri Department of Revenue to appoint motor vehicle dealers to act as agents for collecting motor vehicle sales tax for all motor vehicles sold by that motor vehicle dealer.

"This would provide a 'one-stop shop' for consumers who need to pay their vehicle taxes and would be up to the car dealers whether they want to participate," Sen. Griesheimer said.

The proposed bill also would require the director of the Department of Revenue to award fee office contracts through a competitive bidding process with priority given to school districts or coalitions of school districts, charitable organizations, nonprofit organizations, and political subdivisions. The proposed act also includes a provision that would prevent a public governmental body from closing a public meeting regarding the awarding of a fee office contract.

In addition, the bill seeks to allow taxpayers who trade in or sell a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor for more than the purchase price of another motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor to apply any excess value to any subsequent purchase within 180 days of the original sale.

Senate Bill 363 now moves to the Missouri House for equal consideration.

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