



Written Testimony in Opposition of House Bill 2503
House Committee on Transportation

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The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to a portion of House Bill 2503, and we respectfully request the Committee consider our agency's concerns.

It is our position that when taking the language of House Bill 2503 into consideration, it is important that antique VIN inspections on a bill of sale remain the responsibility of the KHP or its designees.

Currently, the Kansas Highway Patrol has 80 sheriff and 65 police departments that participate in our VIN inspection program. Those participating members in our VIN inspection program are known as "designees". Any designee can perform Certificate of Title inspections, Title Corrections, and Antique inspections. To become a designee, an application to the KHP is required, approval by the superintendent follows, and the prospective designee is then trained by KHP personnel.

Antique inspections, particularly those on a bill of sale, usually require more scrutiny, as identifying numbers are harder to locate, and confirming the identity of the vehicle minus a title requires a trained inspector. The possibility of fraud and the use of stolen parts always exists. Also, inspections allowed outside of the VIN inspection program lose authenticity, accountability, and trackability. Inspections performed by designees are only done by trained personnel, on a form that is purchased from KHP and able to be tracked for future reference.

As previously stated, antique VIN inspections where a bill of sale is used in lieu of a title, require more scrutiny and more confidence in one's ability to inspect an antique vehicle. Although designees are trained in these types of inspections, most designees choose to refer them to KHP because of their complexity. In our opinion, this further bolsters the need for all required VIN inspections to remain within the VIN program of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

We sincerely thank members of this committee for their consideration of our testimony.

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