

Good afternoon to the members of this committee. I am sorry I could not be here today as I am a comical driver and on the road today.

My name is Steve Philbrick I am the owner of an rv business. Part of my business is moving campers for people that have bought a camper but don't have the truck to move it yet or they want their campers moved from one place to another. A lot of the times the camper is not registered and we have to get a transport plate from the town office. When you get a call to move a camper for a customer on a Friday afternoon and want to move it that weekend and the town office is closed and you cannot make it to the DMV to get plate. I am a licensed dealer in this state and meet all the requirements for a dealer and cannot move a camper that I do not own on my dealer plate. Also I take campers and motorhome in on consignment and have no way to move them off my lot. I don't sell used cars so I would not qualify for a used car dealer plate and cannot use my heavy trailer dealer plate to move a motorhome. This is why I ask you to change the wording so I could qualify for a transport plate. By doing this it would help my business and save time and trips just to get a plate to move something for a customer. It would also allow me to charge for the use of my equipment and time as I cannot do it for free. As a licensed dealer and have to have the proper insurance and be bonded as well would also cover the transport plate.

A couple of examples

I have been called by a police department to move a camper off the property for domestic reasons to keep peace and the camper was not registered

I have been called to go get a camper in another state because a family has passed and they left them the camper.

Sell a motorhome on consignment and cannot get it to an inspection station for inspection as required.

This bill has nothing to do excise tax or sales tax. It has to do with being able to move trailers and motorhome legally. If the state is worried about the excise and or sales tax then I would have to ask, why does the state allow new and used car dealers to run their plates on vehicles for personal use and they do not pay sales or excise tax on any of those vehicles. Changing the wording on the transport plate only allows me to move the units that I am hired to move that is not owned by my company. It is up to the towns to collect the taxes

Thank you for your time and consideration on this bill

Steve Philbrick