

Testimony in Opposition to H 8391

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Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I strongly oppose H 8391. This bill will certainly wreak havoc, increase injuries, and result in more potential deaths on our roadways. I question the right-mindedness of such a delusional bill. As an engineer, specializing in automotive technologies, this bill is immensely dangerous.

The language in this bill relating to “**safety items**” is particularly disturbing and irresponsible. Vehicle safety items typically include, brakes, tires, suspension, lights, exhaust, steering, seat belts, wipers, horns, and an increasing number of new modern systems. If the intent of the bill is to not require safety systems be reinspected until the vehicle has reached 20 years of age, then this bill will hurt many.

Vehicle manufacturers design and engineer safety systems to require frequent maintenance in order to function as designed. Dealers and repair shop perform safety items maintenance and conduct state inspections to ensure the vehicle is roadworthy. Now imagine none of this get done to a vehicle. The brakes fail, the tires blow out, the lights don't work, or the wipers don't clean the windshield. The liabilities and lawsuits resulting from a State not requiring regular vehicle safety inspection is incalculable.

I am nearly certain that the committee will understand the dangers and lunacy of this bill. I am also certain that vehicle dealers and repair shops will provide testimonials on how this bill will increase dangers on our roadways, as well as, a significant loss of business.

Please do not advance H 8391.

Thank you,

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