

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2030**

As Agreed to March 24, 2025

Brief*

HB 2030 would exempt dealers and manufacturers of trailers from specified provisions of the Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Act. The exemptions would not apply to dealers and manufacturers of semitrailers or travel trailers or to a dealer in the sale or exchange of any type of vehicle other than trailers.

The provisions from which the non-exempt trailer dealers and manufacturers would be exempt deal with termination of a franchise agreement, correction of warranty defects, change of ownership of a dealership, liability for defects, location of dealerships, disputes between dealers and manufacturers, the definition of "delivery" of a vehicle, and manufacturer requirements of dealers regarding facilities and signs.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to remove a provision making the bill effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was requested by Representative Hoheisel on behalf of Catalyst.

[Note: A representative of Catalyst stated it represented American Trailer World for this request.]

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of American Trailer World, who noted the trailers covered by the bill are not motorized, only being hauled or drawn, and would not include trailers with living quarters. He suggested an amendment to the bill to clarify to whom the exceptions would apply.

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A representative of the Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, provided neutral testimony, noting the bill would loosen requirements for businesses that sell trailers but not vehicles that tow trailers.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to clarify that the exemptions would not apply to dealers and manufacturers of semitrailers or travel trailers and to a dealer in the sale or exchange of any type of vehicle other than trailers.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of American Trailer World provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would exempt trailers that are not motorized and thereby make it easier for trailer manufacturers to operate in Kansas. The proponent also stated that the bill would make Kansas requirements regarding sales of non-motorized trailers more consistent with requirements of other states.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make the effective date to be upon publication in the *Kansas Register*. [Note: The Conference Committee did not retain this amendment.]

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Revenue indicates it would require a total of \$3,220 from the State General Fund in FY 2026 to modify an agency database and publication. The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Act; trailers; vehicle dealer; semitrailer; travel trailer

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