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House District 33
Testimony for HB 1155

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Mr. Chairman, House Transportation Committee members:

I am Representative Bill Tveit, District 33, my district covers all of Mercer & Oliver Counties as well as the BEST parts of McLean & Morton Counties.

I am here to present HB 1155, an exact duplicate of HB 1399 of the 67th Legislative Session.

HB 1155 comes to you today in memory of long time friend & restoration expert, Archie Rosenow of Hazen. Archie helped author HB 1399 in 2021, unfortunately passing away before any positive results of this request.

Mr Chairman, you may recall, on January 28, 2021, I presented and requested the with draw of HB 1399.

The withdraw was based on assurance of then, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division, Jennifer Bloomhagen, that the issues addressed in HB1399 could and would be handled under administrative rules by the department.

The department did create a new Certificate of Vehicle Identification (VIN) Inspection, SFN 0000 (4-2021) on April 16, 2021, apparently not the total solution.

Sadly, my constituents continue to have title issues with certain categories of vehicles with MVD and/or the employees thereof, when attempting to retitle such vehicles.

Mr. Chairman, Committee, the purpose of HB 1155 is to allow an individual to salvage a vehicle from a tree row, rock pile, pasture, storage shed, or other such location, establish and prove ownership through a legitimate means, when a MVD Title is no longer available in any form, for any legitimate reason.

As an example, my online testimony shows pictures of such a vehicle that has been in storage with in this privately owned pasture for the last 80 + years, I believe the landowner is the legitimate owner, and though there is no longer a/or record of a MVD title, could certify and sell to a collector/restorer, qualifying for a collector's title.

These collectors/restorers invest thousands of hours and dollars, paying an over abundance of dollars in sales tax. The Collectors title will protect the investment and certify that they have invested in a sale able and drive able project.

I will close allowing the experts behind me to share their experiences with MVD.

I will stand for any questions