

2215-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray and Simpson)

Brief Description: Allowing car dealers to charge documentary service fees.

**HB 2215-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that an amount not to exceed thirty-five dollars per vehicle sale or lease may be charged by a dealer to recover administrative costs for collecting motor vehicle excise taxes, licensing and registration fees and other agency fees, verifying and clearing titles, transferring titles, perfecting, releasing, or satisfying liens or other security interests, and other administrative and documentary services rendered by a dealer in connection with the sale or lease of a vehicle and in carrying out the requirements of this act or any other provisions of state law.

Declares that a dealer may charge the documentary service fee under the following conditions: (1) The documentary service fee is disclosed in writing to a prospective purchaser or lessee before the execution of a purchase and sale or lease agreement;

(2) The documentary service fee is not represented to the purchaser or lessee as a fee or charge required by the state to be paid by either the dealer or prospective purchaser or lessee;

(3) The documentary service fee is separately designated from the selling price or capitalized cost of the vehicle and from any other taxes, fees, or charges; and

(4) Dealers disclose in any advertisement that a documentary service fee in an amount up to thirty-five dollars may be added to the sale price or the capitalized cost.

Provides that this act takes effect only when Senate Bill No. 6061 or House Bill No. 2231 takes effect. If neither of these bills takes effect by December 31, 2003, this act is null and void in its entirety.