

Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission Report By ADR Staff

Chairman John Longacre convened the March 10, 2015, session of the Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission. Following roll call and approval of the February 2015 meeting minutes, Longacre called on Commission Director John Maile for the Director's report.

Director Maile reported that Senate Bill 592, the bill that contains the two-year license provision, is still alive. The fee increase that was in the bill has been removed in order to allow the legislation to pass out of the Committee. The odometer bill, Senate Bill 626, was dual-assigned to committees. It passed out of the Transportation Committee where John Longacre testified. It was also assigned to the Appropriations Committee where it received a tie vote and did not pass. Three senators who opposed SB 626 later decided to support the language. According to legislative liaison Curt Roggow, the odometer language will now be added to SB 592 while it is on the House side.

With regards to the Commission's supervisory duties, Director Maile advised the Commission members that the staff completed audits of the wholesale dealers last year and would be following up on those dealers who needed to improve their administrative practices. Also, Director Maile indicated that the staff would be focusing on dealer compliance with advertising rules in the current year.

Chief Investigator John Lancaster informed the Commissioners that the investigators had completed 18 dealership inspections and had handled 18 complaints. Of the complaints, six were related to title issues, three to contract issues, one to mechanical issues, eight to miscellaneous issues, and none to advertising issues. The Commission held two informal hearings involving Thunder Auto Sales and The Car Trader. Also, one injunction was filed and granted against Dennis Jones from the Shawnee area.

Fifteen dealers attended the on-site education program in February. Applicants for a new license and dealers involved in significant rule violations are required to attend the Commission's on-site education program as a part of acquiring or maintaining a state license. These education sessions are being held in the conference room at 2401 NW 23, Oklahoma City. Classes are held on Monday prior to the Commission meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to about noon or 1 p.m. You are asked to make reservations so staff can be prepared to accommodate you. Call the Commission at 405-521-3600 to make your reservations.