

- SUBJECT:** Allowing certain motor vehicle dealers to act as salvage vehicle dealers
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Geren, Harless, Hernandez, Herrero, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Guillen, S. Thompson
- WITNESSES:** For — Joshua Speck, Copart, Inc. (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steve Bresnen, Insurance Auto Auctions; James Hines, Texas Association of Business; Russell Withers, Texas Conservative Coalition)
- Against — None
- On — Corrie Alvarado and Daniel Avitia, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (*Registered, but did not testify*: Kevin Fisk, LKQ Corporation)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code ch. 2302 governs salvage vehicle dealers, who are required to hold a license issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Under sec. 2302.204, a person who purchases fewer than five nonrepairable motor vehicles or salvage vehicles is exempted from the salvage vehicle dealer license requirement.
- It has been noted that licensed independent motor vehicle dealers must hold a separate salvage dealer license in order to purchase more than five salvage vehicles per year.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1667 would extend statutory provisions that currently apply to a licensed salvage vehicle dealer to the holder of an independent motor vehicle dealer's general distinguishing number if the motor vehicle dealer acted as a salvage vehicle dealer or rebuilder or stored or displayed a vehicle as the agent of an insurance company.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.