

DATE:	March 8, 2017
TO:	Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
FROM:	Amy Joyce, Legislative Liaison
SUBJECT:	SB 645 Humvees

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 645 would add high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles manufactured for military use or Humvees to Oregon law as a vehicle of special interest (VSI). The bill would allow a Humvee to register and receive a license plate as a VSI; this registration would allow them to operate in parades and limited on-road use with a club.

DISCUSSION

Surplus military vehicles are sometimes sold to the general public through governmentcontracted auctions. Some military vehicles may be titled and registered in Oregon. One military vehicle sold through auctions is the American General Humvee (high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles). The Humvee was built to military specifications and not to meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on-road standards.

Purchasers of Humvee's are required to sign a "Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement" that states "Buyer acknowledges that the Humvee is not roadworthy and agrees the Humvee is for off-highway use only." The purchaser is provided an ownership document (example attached) that includes a stamp applied by the selling agent that states the vehicle is for "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY."

As these vehicles are not made for on-road use, DMV does not currently register them. There are no processes that we are aware of for a customer to make these vehicles legal for on-road use.

SB 645 would allow Humvees to be registered through DMV as a vehicle of special interest. With this registration, Humvees would be treated similarly to street rods and be allowed to be used in parades, or for on-road functions sanctioned by an established organization. The VSI registration would not provide for them to be used on-road for general transportation purposes. VSI registration is a one-time \$81 fee.

SUMMARY

SB 645 would allow for Humvees to be registered as a vehicle of special interest with DMV. These vehicles are not intended for on-road use and the VSI registration would allow for only limited on-road use. They pay a one-time \$81 fee.

Attachment

Example A

WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into effective the <u>date signed</u>, is made by and between ______("Buyer") and in favor of GovPlanet ("GP") and the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services ("DLA Disposition Services").

WHEREAS, on <u>date of sale</u>, Buyer purchased from GP a certain AM General HMMWV Serial #<u>serial number</u> ("Humvee") currently located at <u>location</u> in <u>city</u>, <u>state</u> (the "Premises").

WHEREAS, to take physical possession of the Humvee, Buyer intends to enter upon the Premises and transport the Humvee out of and off of the Premises to a site of its own determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, with respect to Buyer's ownership and retrieval of the Humvee from the Premises, Buyer does hereby agree as follows:

- Buyer acknowledges that the Humvee is not roadworthy and agrees that Humvee is for off-highway use only.
- 2. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that neither GP nor DLA Disposition Services will have any liability to Buyer or third persons for any damages of any kind whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from Buyer's use of the Humvee or in connection with this Agreement. Buyer shall be responsible for, and GP and DLA Disposition Services shall have no liability whatsoever for, any claims, suits, actions, proceedings, losses, costs, expenses or liabilities of whatever nature (present or future and environmental or otherwise) arising out of or in any way connected with Buyer's use of the Humvee, regardless of the cause, and including any alleged fault or negligence of GP or DLA Disposition Services.
- 3. The Humvee is made available to Buyer on an "AS IS WHERE IS" basis only and neither GP nor DLA Disposition Services makes any guarantees, representations or warranties, expressed or implied, statutory or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever, including, without limitation, non-infringement, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and GP and DLA Disposition Services expressly disclaim all warranties with respect thereto.
- 4. Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless GP and DLA Disposition Services and their subsidiaries and affiliates, their respective owners, directors, employees, representatives, agents and attorneys and all persons acting by, through or in concert with them or any of them from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, proceedings, losses, costs, expenses or liabilities of whatever nature arising out of or in any way connected with Buyer's use, control, operation, maintenance, service, or repair of the Humvee after delivery thereof to Buyer or from any other cause including the alleged condition of the Humvee or any claimed fault or negligence of GP or DLA Disposition Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Buyer has executed this Agreement on the date last written below.

Buyer Name

By: ______ Name: ______

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