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SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Morehead, and Senator Goll, followed by Senator Higgins.

SENATOR GOLL: I have a question for Senator Wiitala, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Would Senator Wiitala yield?

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Wiitala...

SENATOR WIITALA: Yes.

SENATOR GOLL: ...as I understand it, if there is a title, an out of state title representing an out of state vehicle that this vehicle then and the title must be inspected by a member of the law enforcement agency to ascertain that it is one and the same, now if this vehicle is at another end of the county in question, does the owner of the vehicle and the foreign title have to take it to the law enforcement agency, or does the law enforcement agency for the \$10 fee have to come to the owner of the car?

SENATOR WIITALA: That is a good question, Senator Goll. If you will read the language of the bill, it says that a county sheriff or his or her designee will conduct the inspection. I am really leaving the responsibility up to the county sheriff. It is quite possible the county sheriff could appoint the county clerk, an assistant of the county clerk, or anyone else that he feels confident in as far as conducting a simple inspection, which means just taking the title and taking a look at the vehicle identification numbers that are written on it, register that car and comparing it to the tag, the tab that is in the car. I would hope you know that the county sheriff or whoever is that person's designee would understand the difficulties that people may have in attaining an inspection. Hopefully, it would be done right at the county clerk's office, and if not, at the sheriff's office, but preferably maybe at the county clerk's office if that is the closest place, and if the county sheriff feels that there is a designated person there that he feels confident in as far as conducting inspection.

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you, Senator Wiitala. Having been in this business for over 33 years and having dealt with a lot of foreign state titles, I can certainly appreciate what Senator Wiitala is trying to do with this legislation. It is a bad practice in the industry and as a franchised new car dealer, I am certainly in favor of some type of