



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
NOVEMBER 19, 2005**

The PARTS staff and Legislative Committee are working on the following issues:

1. **Reconstructed Vehicles** – Michael Angelo and Al Gougler have kept PARTS staff up to date on the work of the Rules and Regulations Committee set up through HB 2066. The latest update from Al is attached. The results to date from the committee look promising. Here are some key points from Al's report:

The process for obtaining the "R" title will remain the same except for the following:

- Inspections must be at "R" title inspection stations. (Any inspection station may apply to do "R" title inspections. It is not clear how many will be approved to these inspections. However, it does look like our concerns regarding ownership and geographical location have been addressed.)
- Inspection stations wanting to do "R" title inspections will be required to purchase additional equipment.
- Inspection stations staff will need training in either I-Car, ASE or OEM.
- The station will issue the sticker, registration and tags at time of inspection.
- All paperwork will be electronically transferred to Harrisburg through one of three service companies. (We are further researching this issue.)
- An audit of the paperwork will be conducted and could lead to a request for more information; recall of the title/registration; a "stop" placed on the title/registration; or, criminal sanctions.

The committee is due to meet in November to finalize the inspection process. The goal is to have stations set up and the new system in place by January 2007.

2. **Salvage Certificate Fees (HB 461)** – To our delight, HB 461 continues to remain stalled in the House Transportation Committee. Mike Berk met with Paul Parsells from Representative McCall's office to discuss the possibility of developing an electronic program for salvaging vehicles. He was going to check with Curt Myers at PENNDOT to see if this is viable.
3. **Abandoned Vehicles: Towing & Storage Fees** – Mike Berk continues to work with Mike Darrah (Darrah's Automotive, York) and Representative Ron Miller (R-York) on this issue. Two additional York City magistrates are reviewing a letter from the solicitor representing the district magistrates association. The letter supports our contention that magistrates should include these incurred costs as part of the cost of the citation. Representative Miller is assisting us through his contacts at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. We would like to see a directive issued that puts this issue to rest.
4. **Mercury Switch Removal (SB 524)** – Senate Bill 524 remains stalled in the Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee. A Red Alert has been sent to members urging them to contact the committee's chair, Senator White (R-Venango). (The Red Alert is attached to this report.)