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Testimony

To: Chairman Goico and Members of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security

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RE: Persons may be claiming public and private benefits related to military service when they are not entitled to benefits

Qualifications for a Kansas Veteran license plate are legislated by K.S.A. 8-1,146 authorizing an individual who has had an "honorable discharge" from the US military may be issued a Veteran license plate. K.S.A. 73-201 legislates the language "under honorable conditions". The Division of Vehicles requires an individual shall submit their DD214 indicating they are "discharged under honorable conditions" in order to be issued a Veteran license plate. Active military are required to provide continued eligibility for a veteran license plate where retired military only need to provide proof on the initial application for the plate.

To obtain the military exemption from Vehicle Tax legislated by K.S.A. 79-5107 and the Federal Soldier's and Sailor's Act, the following is required:

- **Full time Military Kansas Resident** stationed out of state and the motor vehicles are maintained outside of the state. Documentation required is the military ID, the Leave and Earning Statement (LES), and military orders. This individual qualifies for 2 vehicle exemptions.
- **Full time Military Kansas Resident** who has been **deployed** regardless of where the motor vehicles are maintained. Deployment in this capacity means the military person is absent from their usual duty station due to military orders. Documentation required is the military ID, LES, and military orders. This individual qualifies for 2 vehicle exemptions.
- **Full time Military Kansas Resident** stationed in Kansas, or who is a full time active guard and reservist member of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard or a Kansas unit of the reserve forces of the United States under authority of Title 10 or Title 32 of the US code, and is stationed or assigned in Kansas. Documentation required is the individual's military ID, LES, and military orders stating they are under Title 10 or Title 32 authority. This individual qualifies for 2 vehicle exemptions.

Active full time military will be required to provide continued eligibility each year to qualify for the tax exemption.

Disabled Veterans as defined in K.S.A. 8-160 who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who are entitled to compensation for a service connected disability of at least 50% by the Veterans Administration, may be issued a Disabled Veteran license plate for one vehicle free of the registration fee. All personal property and sales tax will apply. Documentation required is a form stating the disability signed by the Regional Director of the Veterans Administration.

Thank you, I will stand for questions.