

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Petersen at 8:30 am on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley – Excused

Senator Pat Pettey – Excused

Senator Jeff King – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Carolyn Long, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Joel Skelly, Director of Policy, Kansas Department of Transportation

Kent Selk, Manager, Driver Services, Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Hearing on: SB288 — Updating endorsement codes for commercial driver's licenses.**

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **SB 288** and asked Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor, for an explanation of the bill. Mr. Siebers noted there were seven (7) new restrictions which could be placed on a commercial driver's license (CDL).

Joel Skelley, Director of Policy, Kansas Department of Transportation, said that federal regulations adopted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) require that states include the following restrictions:

- "Z" for No Full air brake equipped commercial motor vehicle (CMV);
- "E" for No Manual transmission equipped CMV;
- "O" for No Tractor-trailer CMV;
- "M" for No Class A passenger vehicle;
- "N" for No Class A and B passenger vehicle;
- "K" for Intrastate only; and
- "V" for Medical variance.

He said failure to provide for these restrictions on CDL's issued by the State can result in the federal government withholding up to 5% of federal funds designated to the state under the national highway performance program, the highway safety improvement program, and the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program following the first year of noncompliance, and the amount can increase up to 10% in the second and subsequent years of noncompliance ([Attachment 1](#)).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Kent Selk, Manager, Driver Services, Division of Vehicles, reinforced the information given by Mr. Skelly by further defining the restrictions. He told the Committee that the restrictions placed on the CDL would correspond with the vehicle the applicant used during testing. Those holding a current CDL would be grandfathered in prior to the requested July 1, 2015 effective date. Senator Schmidt asked if the federal regulation became effective in 2011, why wait four years to propose amending the list of codes. Mr. Selk replied the Division did not want to jump the gun and only wanted to change the statute once ([Attachment 2](#)).

There being no further discussion, the Chairperson closed the Hearing on **SB 288**.

The Chair called for *Final Action on **SB 288**. It was moved by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Fitzgerald, that **SB 288** be moved out favorably for passage and due to its non-controversial nature be placed on the consent calendar. Motion passed.*

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

Chairperson Petersen called for **Final Action on SB 271--Exemption from height and length vehicle limitations for forage cutters and custom harvesters. Moved by Chairperson Petersen, seconded by Senator Fitzgerald, to move **SB 271**, as amended, out favorably for passage. Motion carried.**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

There are no further meetings scheduled.