

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 19, 1972

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 510 S at 2:45 P. M. on January 19, 1972. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Allison, Arbuthnot, Davis, Dempsey, Steffes and Wilson.

Conferees on House Bill 1708 were: Merritt Buffon of Legislative Research; Harold B. Turntine and Elton Lobban of the Motor Vehicle Department; Oliver E. Ebel, Kansas Medical Society; Paul W. Matthews, Highway Users Federation; Ray Orłowski, Highway Safety Director.

Guests were: Bud Grant, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry; Walter W. Kieker and Ray Lindberg, Kansas Motor Carriers Association; Jim Clark, Kansas Optometric Association; Jim Foster, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce; Ron Lambkin, GBC Sales and Service, Incorporated.

House Bill 1708 - AN ACT relating to licenses and permits to operate motor vehicles; concerning applications therefor; providing for renewal thereof; requiring certain examinations and re-examinations in connection therewith;...

Mr. Buffon read the Federal Standard for Driver Licensing, which reads as follows: "Each state shall have a driver licensing program to insure that only persons physically and mentally qualified may drive. Physical and eyesight examinations, knowledge of traffic laws, ability to comprehend traffic signs and ability to operate the vehicle for which licensed, will be required. Drivers shall be re-examined at least once every four years for visual acuity and knowledge of rules of the road. It calls, also, for a medical advisory board to advise the licensing agency on physical and vision standards - requires keeping of continuing records of driver histories with means for quick retrieval."

Mr. Orlowski told the committee he has read the bill and this will make us in full compliance with the federal standards.

Elton Lobban, Superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Department, introduced Mr. Harold Turntine.

Mr. Turntine distributed copies of "Estimated Cost for Implementing House Bill 1708" - a copy attached. He reviewed the chart and answered questions of the committee. He pointed out that the Gemco Machines to be used will make it possible to test an applicant in fifteen to twenty minutes.

Mr. Ratner inquired if the fees provided in this bill would take care of the full cost of the re-examinations, and Mr. Turntine said with 400,000 applicants annually, that the department feels the fees in the bill are adequate.

Mr. Ratner asked Mr. Orlowski if there will be federal money to help with the original cost, since this is a federal safety requirement.

Mr. Orlowski said there will be some funds available.

Dr. Hughes asked if this is a federal safety program we must comply with, and Mr. Orlowski replied that it is.

Mr. Ratner called to the attention of the committee line 8, on page 6, in regard to the word "ophthalmology" and asked Mr. Ebel to comment.

Mr. Ebel stated they would be pleased to have it amended to include physicians.

• Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Mr. Gray, that House Bill No. 1708 be amended on page 6, in line 8, by striking the word "ophthalmology" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "medicine and surgery". The motion carried.

Paul Matthews pointed out that those states having this type of legislation have a better safety record than the states that do not have it.

Chairman Dierdorff reminded the committee that a motion was made at a previous meeting of this committee to consider the colored photo on the driver's license with this re-examination bill.

Mr. Ratner stated that the reason for this motion was that if this committee wishes this legislation that we should act on it now so the fees can be adjusted.

Mr. Turntine said it would cost approximately 50¢ for the first time for each license for the photo. It would be about \$200,000 a year just for the pictures.

Mr. Dierdorff asked if the department thinks this has merit.

Mr. Lobban replied that if the law is passed, they will administer it.

Mr. Ratner said he wants to be sure he understands Mr. Turntine -- leaving out the initial cost, it would be an additional \$200,000? Wouldn't the fee in the bill take care of both after the first year?

Mr. Turntine said there will be additional cost in working the cameras, envelopes, postage, etc.

Mr. Jacobs pointed out that the Special Committee on Transportation had studies on this and that the people who wanted the photos were department stores, banks, chain stores, etc. They should put the identification pictures on their charge cards rather than expect the state to put them on the license.

Mr. Ossmann stated that there are at least two other bills deal-

ing with ID cards and that his checking reveals it can be done for less - about 30¢. The point he would like to bring out is that if the ID card has merit, he thinks it would be a good idea to incorporate it with this and we could save money on the cards that way.

The chairman said hearings would continue on this at a later date. The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Arden Dierdorff
ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN
January 20, 1972

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HBT

TO: Mr. Elton Lobban, Superintendent
 FROM: Harold B. Turntine, Administrator of Business Management
 DATE: January 18, 1972
 SUBJECT: Estimated Cost for Implementing House Bill 1708

To implement a vision and written examination program on renewal of drivers licenses, the following will be needed:

	<u>ONE-TIME EXPENSE</u>	<u>ANNUAL EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>			
4 Assistant Chief Examiners		\$ 26,448.00	
42 Examiners		240,403.00	
34 Examiner Aids		151,776.00	
12% F.I.C.A. and Other Benefits		50,235.00	
Total		<u>\$468,867.00</u>	\$468,867.00
<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>			
35 Vision Machines @ \$210.00	\$ 20,825.00		
10 Typewriters Electric IBM @ \$445.00	4,450.00		
25 Typewriters Manual @ \$210.00	5,250.00		
250 Folding Chairs @ \$3.56	890.00		
110 Examining Chairs @ \$10.45	1,149.00		
40 Desks @ \$155.00	6,200.00		
40 Chairs Steno Posture @ \$55.00	2,200.00		
17 Automobiles @ \$2,848.00	48,416.00		
Automobile Maintenance & Depreciation @ 9¢ per mile		36,000.00	
150 Genco Drivers License Testing Machines	230,500.00		
Total	<u>\$319,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>	\$355,880.00
<u>OTHER</u>			
21 Districts, Additional Facilities		\$ 10,000.00	
6 New Facilities--two each at Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka		30,000.00	
46 Uniforms for Personnel @ \$175.00 per examiner	7,875.00		
Uniform Replacement Annually		3,375.00	
Total	<u>\$ 7,875.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,375.00</u>	\$ 51,250.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$327,755.00</u>	<u>\$584,242.00</u>	<u>\$911,997.00</u>