

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Roads and Highways Subcommittee

Held in Room 528 , at the Statehouse at 1:15 ~~xxxx~~/p.m., on

February 19 , 1973.

All members were present except: Harris , _____ , _____ ,
_____ , _____ , _____ .

Conferees appearing before the Committee were: Rep. Roy Ehrlich; Elton Lobban, Department of Vehicles; Judge Rees Robrahn; Harry Hayes, Ass'n. for the Blind; Rep. James Cubit; Rep. Jim Maag; Dick Brewster, Kansas Mobil Homes; Rep. John Bower; Fred Allen, League of Kansas Municipalities; John McNeal, Kansas Highway Engineer.

The Committee considered the following items:

H. B. 1352 - AN ACT RELATING TO NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Mr. Erlich explained the bill; introduced it by request for those who do not drive and need identification - patterned the bill after the law in California. Eight states presently have this system of identification. (See exhibit 1). - Mr. Lobban's fiscal note is attached, exhibit 2. - Judge Robrahn and Mr. Hayes appeared in favor of the bill, on behalf of the blind. - Suggestions were made to change Sec. 10 to allow all moneys derived from the legislation to go to the department doing the work. After much discussion as to the inconsistencies in the bill, objection to it resembling a driver license, and the fear that permissive legislation might later be made a requirement, a poll was taken as to whether the committee favored the legislation enough to try to work the bill over. The vote was 6-4 against the idea. - Rep. R. Miller made a motion, second by Rep. Sellers, that H. B. 1352 be reported adversely to the Transportation and Utilities Committee. The motion carried.

H. B. 1423 - AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING DRIVERS WITH MENTAL DISABILITY OR DISEASE. Mr. Ehrlich explained the bill was for the benefit of epileptic cases who have their infliction under control. - Mr. Lobban presented the attached report, exhibit 3. No action was taken.

H. B. 1368 - AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIAL FUEL TAX LAW. Mr. Cubit told the committee that after talking to Walter Dunn he felt some changes should be made in the bill. The Chairman suggested Mr. Cubit work with Mr. Dunn and bring his suggestions to the meeting on February 20.

H. B. 1373 - AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPANCY OF TRAILERS ON HIGHWAYS. Mr. Maag explained that the bill was requested by a constituent who builds trailers of the fifth wheel type. - Mr. Brewster explained that a fifth wheel type hitch is a new system as far as recreational vehicles are concerned. If properly installed it is very effective. Four states

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The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Feb. 20 , 1973,
at 1:15 ~~xxxx~~/p.m., in Room 528 .

These minutes were read and approved
by the Committee on _____.


Chairman

STATEMENT
By The
DIVISION OF VEHICLES

Concerning House Bill No. 1352
Relating to Non-Driver Identification Cards

Submitted to the Roads and Highways
Sub-committee, February 19, 1973.

MR. CHARIMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

To implement and administer this bill would require that we incorporate these non-driver identification cards into our computerized system of storing of driver's license records and of issuance of driver's licenses. This bill will require the Division of Vehicles to keep records of address and name changes and duplicate identification card issuance.

We estimate that approximately 100,000 persons would be eligible for the non-driver identification cards, with an increase of 5% over this number annually and the issuance of 2,000 duplicate identification cards annually. Based on these estimated figures, to accomplish the additional workload that will be recognized, it will involve more personnel, equipment, supplies, plastic laminating machines, laminating materials, postage, forms, envelopes, data processing storage and key punch time.

TOTAL ANNUAL ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (amortized over a 6 year period)	\$ 35,763.00
ONE TIME EXPENSE FOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,160.00

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE (amortized over a 6 year period)	\$ 88,660.00
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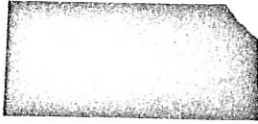
Concerning House Bill No. 1423
Licensing Drivers with Mental
Disability or Disease.

Submitted to the Roads and Highways
sub-committee, February 19, 1973.

MR. CHARIMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Our interpretation of this bill is that it provides for a review and recommendation by the medical advisory board of persons who have been adjudged to be, or is found to be suffering from epilepsy, seizures, impaired consciousness, or any other disease which may affect the driving ability of a person. Those persons suffering from any of these mental disabilities or diseases would have an opportunity to submit to the Division of Vehicles a report of a medical examination from a doctor which would be evaluated by our now existing medical review board, who, in turn, would make a determination and recommendation as to the effect the disability or disease may have on the person's driving ability and the Division of Vehicles would take action as prescribed by the medical advisory board.

This would have no fiscal effect on the Division of Vehicles as we now have such a program in operation to handle these specific cases as set out in this bill.



January 4, 1973

Representative Roy Ehrlich
Kansas House of Representatives
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Roy:

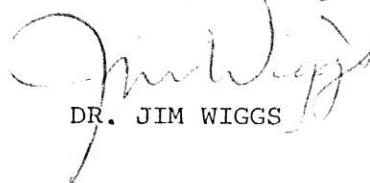
Another patient has walked out of my office with a problem that makes me communicate with you. This man does have epileptic seizures, but they are a variety which do not impair his consciousness. Further, they have a long warning spell. Finally, when they do occur they leave him in control of the portions of his body that he would need to drive a car safely. In my judgement he is a responsible person and could be relied upon to conduct himself safely on the highway.

However, my experience with the Kansas Drivers' License Board is that they make no such distinctions. Anybody with any kind of "epilepsy" is automatically barred from the highway for a full year. As you well know this can be a really disastrous event in the life of a working man or woman. There are not that many job options open and if a person loses one job because he cannot drive, the next year may be enough to reduce him to a Welfare case.

The point of the letter then is to ask that you consider seriously introducing a bill into the legislature which would re-define the criteria for issuing drivers' licenses to "epileptics", specifying that in certain varieties of partial epilepsy, where the judgement of qualified physicians and specialists is that the spell will not incapacitate the person, by reason of the warning, the character of the spell, and the preservation of his mental faculties and bodily control during the spell, there should be discretion allowing retention of driving privileges.

If there is any way I could participate with you in this issue I would be glad to do so. I think you would find that other neurologists in the state, as well as family physicians, would be in favor of updating the laws in this regard.

Sincere best regards,



DR. JIM WIGGS

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Identification Cards in Eight States

State	Purpose of issuance	Issuer	Life of card	Fee	Age restrictions	Content			
						Picture	Date of birth	Social Security number	Signature
California	Proof that the holder does not have a California drivers license	Div. of Drivers Licenses, Dept. of Motor Vehicles	Adult card: 6 yrs. Minor card: to age 21	\$3.00. Duplicate \$2.00	Adult card: none Minor card: 18 to 21 yrs. of age	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Not stated
Hawaii	General purpose civil identification	Attorney General	No limit	\$2.00. Duplicate \$2.00	None	No	Yes	Not stated	Yes
Michigan	Proof of legal blindness	Dept. of State	No limit	\$1.00	None	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Yes
Minnesota	Proof that holder does not qualify for a Minnesota drivers license	Div. of Drivers Licenses, Dept. of Public Safety	4 yrs. If over 65, then no limit	\$3.00. Duplicate 50c	Minimum 16 yrs.	Yes, in color	Yes	Not stated	Yes
New Jersey	Proof of age for alcoholic beverage purchases	County clerk	No limit	\$2.00	Minimum 21 yrs.	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Yes
New Mexico	Proof of age for alcoholic beverage purchases	Div. of Liquor Control	No limit	\$3.00	Minimum 21 yrs.	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Yes
Vermont	Proof of age for alcoholic beverage purchases	Liquor Control Board	7 yrs.	\$1.00	Minimum 18 yrs. and Maximum 25 yrs.	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Yes
Wisconsin	Proof of age for alcoholic beverage purchases	County Register of Deeds or City Clerk	No limit	\$3.00. Duplicate \$5.00	Minimum 18 yrs.	Yes	Yes	Not stated	Yes
State	Content				Statutory citation	Date enacted			
	Physical description	Address	Relative's name	Serial number					
California	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	West's Ann. CA Codes, Vehicle Code (1971 supp.), sec. 12000ff.	1968			
Hawaii	Yes, including fingerprints	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hawaii Rev. Stat. (1965), sec. 28-31ff.	1947			
Michigan	No	Yes	No	No	MI Comp. Laws Ann. (1971 supp.), sec. 393.301 through 393.303.	1969			
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	L. 1971, ch. 658.	1971			
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	NJ Stat. Ann. (1971 supp.), title 33, sec. 1-81.2 through 1-81.9.	1968			
New Mexico	No	Yes	No	Yes	NM Stat. Ann. (1971 supp.), sec. 46-10-12.1 ff.	1959			
Vermont	No	No	No	No	Public Acts of 1971, No. 90.	1971			
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	West's WI Stat. Ann. (1969), sec. 66.057.	1947			

Sources: Questionnaire and statutes.

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February 19, 1973

TO: Fred Harris, Chairman -- Transportation and Utilities Committee

At the meeting of the Roads and Highways Subcommittee on February 19, 1973, the following action was taken:

Representative Robert Miller made a motion, second by Representative Sellers, that House Bill 1352 be reported adversely to the Transportation and Utilities Committee. The motion carried.

Representative Sellers made a motion, second by Representative Rosenau, that House Bill 1389 be reported favorably to the Transportation and Utilities Committee. The motion carried.


ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE