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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES .

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ben Vidricksen at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 1995 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Burke

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Ozias, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Betty McBride - Director, Division of Vehicles  
Jim Garner - Representative, 11th District  
Tom Day - Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See attached list

**HB 2215 - CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Betty McBride explained that this bill was needed to allow for an individual to voluntarily surrender a license if eligible and provide for reissue at a later time. A House amendment would allow for a 6 month extension on a driver's license in the event a person is out of the state at the time the license would expire.

Representative Garner spoke in support of the House amendment, or similar language, to allow extending the valid period of a person's drivers license. (Attachment 1)

**HB 2474 - RELATING TO CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTAIN STATE CORPORATION CO DOCUMENTS**

Tom Day addressed the committee in support of this bill which would enable the Commission to charge for free copies of classification, rates, rules, regulations or orders. This bill would eliminate the word "free" and add the words "at costs determined pursuant to commission policies and procedures;" to lines 18 and 19 of Section 1. (Attachment 2)

The committee turned its attention back to **HB 2215**. Senator Papay made a motion to pass the bill favorably. A second was made by Senator Lawrence. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Jones to approve the amendment offered in **HB 2474**. Senator Rock seconded this. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Lawrence and seconded by Senator Rock to pass this bill favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Senator Papay made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting. A second was made by Senator Jones and the motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1995.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

In Support of H.B. 2215

March 9, 1995

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee and testify in support of H.B. 2215. Specifically, I wish to express my support for the House floor amendment added to the bill.

Currently, there is no mechanism for extending the valid period of a person's drivers license, even if the person finds themselves out of state due to an emergency. This amendment is an effort to allow for such extensions.

The problem was recently brought to my attention through a very real situation. I have a constituent whose daughter has been diagnosed with cancer. The daughter is currently undergoing a series of treatment procedures at a cancer research hospital in Texas. The mother is in Texas and is staying to be with the daughter throughout the lengthy treatment.

The mother's driver's license expired during the last week of February. She contact the Division of Motor Vehicles to inquire about an extension until they return to Kansas. She was informed that no extension could be granted and that she would be an illegal driver unless she returned to Kansas and renewed her license. Needless to say, the mother contacted me. After researching the situation, I sought a change in the law to allow for extensions in such situations. I am not sure if the language in the floor amendment is the best way to accomplish the goal I seek, but apparently it is what is needed for the Division of Motor Vehicles to deal with these types of real life problems.

I appear today to urge the committee to keep the language, or similar language, of Section 2 in the bill.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify before the committee.

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Testimony Of  
Kansas Corporation Commission

before the  
Senate Transportation and Utilities Committee  
March 9, 1995

HOUSE BILL 2474

House Bill 2474 as amended, amends K.S.A. 66-151 "Free copies of rates, regulations and orders; certified copy as evidence." This statute, promulgated in 1905, was placed into law while there were very few regulated entities, and those entities which were regulated were mainly common carriers (railroads). KSA 66-151 was enacted prior to the Public Utilities Act of 1911. Amending KSA 66-151 will have no fiscal impact on other state agencies. The fiscal ramifications to the Corporation Commission will be a minimal increase in revenues to offset actual copy costs for requested material. Since the Commission has not seen a need to keep records of those requested copies covered under KSA 66-151, estimated revenue, which would be generated by the repeal of this statute, would be difficult to ascertain. Estimates would range between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Many factors could increase those numbers, including rate case filings and cases on appeal.

The bill, as amended, would enable the Commission to charge for free copies of classification, rates, rules, regulations, or orders. Another bill, which was heard in this committee on February 15, 1995, House Bill 2100, contained a section also amending K.S.A. 66-151 regarding protection of confidentiality. The Revisor's staff will need to reconcile these two bills upon passage. HB 2100 has been enrolled and awaiting the governor's signature.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of House Bill 2474.