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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary K. Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Daniel Thimesch, excused

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Buchanan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Rosalie Thornburgh, Bureau Chief of Traffic Safety, Kansas Department of Transportation

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2093 - An Act regulating traffic; concerning certain safety equipment; amending KSA 8-1598 and KSA 1996 Supp. 8-1344 and repealing the existing sections

Hearing was opened. The Chair called on Rosalie Thornburgh, Bureau Chief of Traffic Safety, Kansas Department of Transportation who presented testimony in support of **HB 2093**. The proposed technical corrections to the bill would eliminate the need for the Secretary of Transportation to publish approved safety products lists or approve safety devices, by incorporating the appropriate reference to federal regulations or guidelines. (Attachment 1)

There were no other proponents to testify and no opponents to testify before the committee. The hearing was closed on **HB 2093**.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 1997.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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Leslie Spencer Dowler	KDOT
Henry & Shirley Bell	KFB
Bill Lieber	KFB
Henry & Shirley Bell	KFB
Marilyn + David Clark	Cherokee Co Farm Bureau
Jack Wray	Franklin Co Farm Bureau
Dennis C. McKee	KFB Reno County
Walter Thornburgh	KDOT
Bill Watts	KDOT
Mr. Taha	Ks Contractors Association
Dale Williams	Morris Co. Farm Bureau
MARY E. TURKINGTON	Kansas Motor Carriers Assn.
Mike Kelley	KS Motor Carriers Assn.
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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2093
TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO K.S.A. 8-1598 AND K.S.A. 8-1344**

February 4, 1997

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Rosalie Thornburgh, Bureau Chief of Traffic Safety. On behalf of the Department of Transportation, I am here today to provide testimony on House Bill 2093 which would make technical corrections to K.S.A. 8-1598 and K.S.A. 8-1344. Both statutes require the Secretary of Transportation to publish approved safety products lists and/or approve safety devices. These statutes were created at a time when the highway safety program was operating under uniform and mandated standards and the above practices were required. Management of the program has now shifted from enforcing standards to one of problem identification and countermeasure development and evaluation, using the standards as a framework.

K.S.A. 8-1598 governs the operation of motorcycles and requires that "The Secretary shall publish lists of all eye protective devices by name and type which he has approved." Our source for the list of approved safety devices is no longer available. The VESC-8 (Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission), who historically provided us with this service is no longer in business. In regard to eye protective devices, we believe the language we suggest is adequate to ensure safety.

K.S.A. 8-1344 governs child passenger safety and requires that the Secretary "shall approve those (child passenger safety restraining systems) systems..." We believe that applicable federal regulation exists which provides appropriate guidance and have provided that proposed language.

In summary, the proposed technical corrections would eliminate the need for the Secretary to publish approved safety products lists or approve safety devices, by incorporating the appropriate reference to federal regulations or guidelines. We believe the proposed changes preserve the intent of the law and do not compromise the safety of Kansas motorists.

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Attachment 1
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