

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 16, 2000, in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Huelskamp

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Assn.  
James Franklin  
Sheila Walker, Div. Of Vehicles, KDOR  
Charles M. Yunker, American Legion

Others attending: See attached list

**SB 540: Re purchasing multiple demonstration permits for trucks & truck tractors by dealers**

Tom Whitaker, director of governmental relations and membership services for Kansas Motor Carriers Association, as a representative of the truck dealers appeared in support of **SB 540 (Attachment 1)**. When questioned, Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, stated she believes it would be a positive move for dealers. This bill does not create any apparent fiscal impact.

Senator Harrington moved to recommend SB 540 favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Harry Stephens will carry the bill.

**SB 611: Re US military veterans license plates, motorcycles**

Mr. James Franklin, requesting recognition of the state's veterans, appeared in support of **SB 611 (Attachment 2)**.

Sheila Walker, Director Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue presented their facts related to **SB 611 (Attachment 3)**.

Charles M. Yunker, Adjutant, American Legion Department of Kansas testified in support of **SB 611**, requesting passage to eliminate what many veterans see as a discrepancy in current law (Attachment 4).

Members discussed the bill and questioned conferees regarding costs of licenses; whether or not it would be desirable to expand this coverage to other types of veterans' vehicles, etc.

Senator Huelskamp requested this bill. Due to a family emergency he was unable to be present today. The Chair wished to delay action on the bill until such time as he is present. Therefore, either tomorrow or as soon as possible thereafter the Committee will consider **SB 611**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2000.

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2000**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Pat Thomas	U.P.S.
Tom Whitaker	KS MOTOR CARRIERS ASSN
Charles M Yunker	THE AMERICAN LEGION
Rick Scheibe	KDOR Vehicles
Sheila Walker	KDOK-DMV
Dick Bauman	KDOT
James A. Franklin	KS Veterans
Scott Brunner	DOB



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## LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Presented by the

### KANSAS MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION

Appearing before the Senate Transportation & Tourism Committee  
Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairman  
Wednesday, February 16, 2000  
State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas

Supporting Senate Bill No. 540

#### MR CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND TORUISM COMMITTEE:

My name is Tom Whitaker, director of governmental relations and membership services for the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear here this morning representing the Kansas Trucking Industry and specifically the truck dealers that serve our industry.

We are here today in support of Senate Bill No. 540. The proposed legislation will allow licensed truck and truck-tractor dealers to issue a 72-hour demonstration permit for \$26.00 or a 15-day demonstration permit for \$100.00. These permits allow a dealer to demonstrate a truck or truck-tractor in a loaded situation. Dealers would be allowed to purchase 3 such permits at a time.

The language in Senate Bill No. 540 is fashioned after the current 30-day temporary registrations issued by motor vehicle dealers. Currently, a truck dealer is required to go to the county treasurer's office to obtain demonstration permits. These permits cannot be obtained in the evening or on weekends. The bill does not eliminate the ability for a dealer to purchase a permit from the county treasurer.

Approval of Senate Bill No. 540 will allow truck dealers the ability to serve their customers when the county treasurer's office is closed. This is a customer friendly bill. We ask for your support of Senate Bill No. 540.

We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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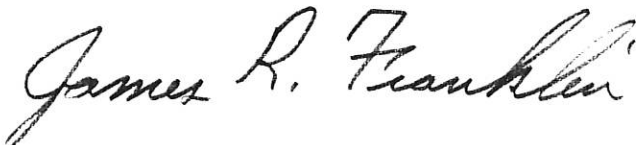
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding a hearing on this issue of veterans license plates for motorcycles and thank you for the opportunity to appear before this committee.

There are 250,300 veterans in the state of Kansas. Nearly a third of the population of the state is directly affected by veteran affairs, veterans, parents of veterans, spouses and children of veterans. There are 44,000 motorcycles registered in the state. After every conflict there has always been a large influx of motorcycle riders. This would make me believe a large number of the 44,000 registered motorcycles belong to veterans. These veterans have been willing to go in harms way for the people of this state and our great nation and all the down trodden around the world. They have been asked to forget the things they were taught as a youth that were wrong and have been taught to brake things and kill people. The threat that they will implement their training is what keeps the peace, if they implement their training there is no peace. They are asked to return to civilian life and forget all the training of braking and killing. I ask you to honor these veterans for having the courage to go in harms way for us and to have the self control to lay down the training and return to civilized life. I ask no more recognition than is afforded the veteran who drives a car or truck. Please issue a license plate for the veterans who ride motorcycles in the Great State of Kansas.

Respectfully,



James R. Franklin

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TESTIMONY

**TO:** Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairman  
Senate Transportation Committee Members

**FROM:** Sheila J. Walker, Director of Vehicles *Sheila J. Walker*

**DATE:** February 16, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 611

Chairman Vidricksen and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Sheila Walker, and I serve as Director of the Kansas Division of Motor Vehicles. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today regarding Senate Bill 611.

It would not be difficult to manufacture U.S. Veterans plates for motorcycles. But please take the following issues into consideration.

In the past, motorcycle plates have not been included in previously authorized specialty plates due to the size of the plate (3" x 7"), and the small area that is available for the logo. Due to the size and detail of some of the logos, the motorcycle plates would be difficult, if not impossible, for law enforcement to identify.

In addition, once Kansans see the U.S. Veterans plates on motorcycles, we're likely to get many requests from other specialty plate holders wanting to put other plates on motorcycles, such as:

- National Guard,
- Purple Heart,
- Ex-Prisoner of War,
- K-State,
- KU,
- Wichita State University, and
- Pittsburg State.

This bill does exempt the U. S. Veteran motorcycle plate from the \$40 personalized plate fee. Because the plate is already displayed on autos and light trucks, the initial minimum order of 500 would not be required.

Again, the Division of Vehicles can produce the plate and implement the requirements of this bill with no administrative problems. We appreciate your taking our concerns into consideration.

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
ROOM 245-N  
SENATE BILL 611

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 611 which would authorize the issuance of distinctive motorcycle license plates to U.S. Military veterans in the same manner as automobile and truck plates are currently issued. My name is Charles M. Yunker and I am the Adjutant for The American Legion Department of Kansas.

As a veteran and a motorcyclist I urge your passage of SB611. More and more veterans of every war era are motorcyclists and in many cases cycles are the vehicle of choice for many veterans.

This bill before you would eliminate what many veterans feel is a discrepancy in the current law. Again I urge your support of Senate Bill 611.

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