

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on February 5 , 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Howell, excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Chris Courtright, Legislative Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Edmonds
Representative Huff
Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles
Kevin Lockwood, Director of Great Bend Army Airfield Museum
Cynthia Fisk

Others attending:
See attached agenda

The Transportation Committee meetings scheduled for the 30th and 31st of January were cancelled due to the icy weather.

Chairman Hayzlett called for introduction of bills. Representative Schwartz requested introduction of a bill regarding removal of vehicles after they have been auctioned off at a sale. Representative Ballou made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Osborne and the motion carried.

Representative Dreher asked for introduction of a bill which would require all trash trucks to have back-up alarms. Representative Osborne made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Levinson and the motion carried.

HB 2653 - certificate of title for antique vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2653**. Representative Edmonds presented testimony in support of this bill. He outlined for the committee the changes that **HB 2653** would make: 1) require that an inspection of the vehicle be completed to verify that the serial number and description of the vehicle agree with the bill of sale and to assure that no serial number associated with known stolen parts exists and 2) provide that transfer by certificate of title would be mandatory if an antique title had been issued for the vehicle. He concluded the intent of **HB 2653** is the minimize the burden on purchasers of antique vehicles while guarding against the possibility of fraud or theft. (Attachment 1)

Kevin Lockwood was the next conferee. He represented the Great Bend Army Airfield Museum. He stated the group was established in 1997 and since that time have purchased and restored over a dozen vehicles which have been used, as part of an outreach program, in parades and school and civic functions. He urged the committee to make every attempt to streamline the ability of those interested in pursuing restoration of historically significant vehicles rather than letting the cars decay becoming roadside eyesores because of the difficulty with providing proof of ownership. (Attachment 2)

Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles, spoke in support of **HB 2653**. She told the committee that as each year passes more and more vehicles are meeting the criteria for an "antique" vehicle. Requiring an inspection and checking for a registration within the last year are steps that need to be taken to help guard against issuing a title on a vehicle that may be stolen or have an unreleased lien. (Attachment 3)

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, Room 519-S of the Capitol at 1:35 p.m. on February 5, 2002

There were no opponents.

Following questions from the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2653**.

HB 2675 - personalized license plates, number of

Chairman Hayzlett called on Representative Huff as the first proponent. Currently the State of Kansas has 18 different types of license plates for cars and trucks. Kansas law requires all plates to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle with the exception of the personal licensed plate, which must be displayed on the front and back of the car. He estimated that at least one out of five personalized plate owners do not use the front plate, however, it is a state law and the fine is approximately \$90. He concluded **HB 2675** would eliminate the requirement for these plates to be displayed on the front of the car with a savings to the state over a five year period of approximately \$50,000 per year. (Attachment 4)

Cynthia Fisk told the committee that she questioned why she needed two plates when she bought her personalized plate, since Kansas only displays one plate on the rear of the car. and was told by the clerk that she could just keep the other one in her car. However, she was stopped and ticketed for not displaying the tag on the front of her car. She requested repeal of the law that requires the purchase and display of two plates. (Attachment 5)

Sheila Walker told the committee that passage of this bill would result in a significant cost reduction for producing a second plate, including raw materials, as well as the cost of labor to produce a second plate. The state, however, will lose the reflectorized plate fees (\$.50) currently collected on the second plate. Based on the number of plates issued during the last 5-year period, reducing the number of personalized plates from two to one would result in an overall savings of more than \$90,000. She concluded the Vehicle Information Processing System programs would need to be modified to accommodate the reflectorized plate fee changes. (Attachment 6)

There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2675**.

There being no opponents, and no objection from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **HB 2653**. Representative Larkin made a motion to pass **HB 2653** favorably, seconded by Representative Ballou and the motion carried.

The minutes from the meeting on January 29th were presented for corrections or approval. Representative Ballou made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Representative Vickery and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 in Room 519-S.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: February 5, 2002

NAME	REPRESENTING
Carolyn Horvath	Rep. Huff
Cynthia Fisk	Rep. Huff
David Hill	St Rep
Jeff Bottenburg	State Farm
John C. Bottenburg	ZM
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TESTIMONY
before the
House Transportation Committee
in support of HB 2653
February 5, 2002

Chairman Hayzlett, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you in support of House Bill 2653. HB 2653 would make certain amendments regarding the manner in which a Certificate of Title could be acquired for a antique vehicle.

The first change that HB 2653 would make would be to require that an inspection of the vehicle be completed to verify that the serial number and description of the vehicle agree with the bill of sale and to assure that no serial number associated with known stolen parts exists. The second change would provide that transfer by certificate of title would be mandatory if an antique title had been issued for the vehicle. There has presently been some confusion as to whether the existence of a title certificate at some earlier time in the vehicle's life would mandate its continued usage. This decision should be made at the discretion of the Department of Revenue.

The intent of HB 2653 is to minimize the burden on purchasers of antique vehicles while guarding against the possibility of fraud or theft. I would suggest to you the changes proposed in this bill are sufficient to accomplish these goals. I would appreciate your consideration and support.

House Transportation Committee
February 5, 2002
Attachment 1



Great Bend Army Airfield Museum

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Testimony in favor of House Bill No. 2653
Before the Kansas House Committee on Taxation
5 February, 2002

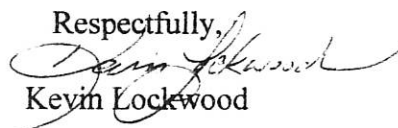
Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to share with you my experience and support for H.B. 2653.

I am here representing the Great Bend Army Airfield Museum (GBAAFMM). This group was established in 1997. By design the group operates as an outreach program. This ability to transport large items from the collection to school and civic functions has been quite successful in capturing the attention of our youth. The preservation of military vehicles, (ranging from Harley-Davidson courier cycles to thirteen ton tracked artillery prime-movers) is a primary goal. Since its beginning the group has purchased and restored over a dozen vehicles, while just completing work on a 4,000 sq ft. restoration shop. These vehicles have not only been a sign of appreciation to our veterans during parades etc. they have had a significant effect on youth at many school functions.

I urge you to make every attempt to streamline the ability of those interested in pursuing restoration of historically significant vehicles. In the past owners of inoperable vehicles have been hesitant to sell because of a lack of title. Many of these vehicles were sold at auction to farmers, ranchers, quarry operators, etc. no title ever being issued. Later passed on from friend to neighbor until the vehicle was deserted. Until recently a simple bill of sale was all that was needed to negotiate a purchase followed by a trip to the treasurer's office for a title issue. In short many current owners of these salvageable vehicles if faced with red tape are quite happy to simply let the vehicles continue to decay becoming roadside eyesores rather than be hassled with providing proof of ownership which frankly on many "antique" vehicles never existed.

On behalf of the GBAAFMM and other historic vehicle owners, I respectfully urge you to lend your support to the passage of H.B. 2653.

Thank you for your time, and your attention. I would be happy to be available for questions if any.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lockwood

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Division of Vehicles

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Gary Hayzlett
Members of the House Transportation Committee

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

DATE: February 5, 2002

SUBJECT: House Bill 2653 – Titling of Antique Vehicles

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Sheila Walker, Director of the Kansas Division of Vehicles. I want to thank you for the opportunity to appear today in support of House Bill 2653.

House Bill 2653 requires a vehicle inspection in accordance with subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-116a when using a bill of sale as the ownership document to obtain a certificate of title for an antique vehicle.

Currently, the Titles and Registrations Bureau and the Kansas Highway Patrol use cooperative procedures when processing this type of title application. HB 2653 will give these cooperative measures statutory authority.

As each year passes more and more vehicles are meeting the criteria for an “antique” vehicle. The value of some of these vehicles exceeds the price of new vehicles. Requiring an inspection and checking for a registration within the last ten years are steps that need to be taken to help guard against issuing a title on a vehicle that may be stolen or have an unreleased lien.

Last year approximately 6,600 antique titles were issued.

This bill is not expected to impact state highway revenues, and there are minimal processing costs to the Division of Vehicles.

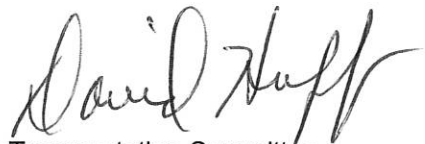
The Division appreciates your favorable consideration.

HB-2675

Thank you Chairman Hayzlett,

Currently, the State of the House has 18 different types of license plates for cars and trucks. Kansas law requires all plates to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle with the exception of the personal licensed plate, which must be displayed on the front and back of car.

Many cars have no brackets or fasteners for a plate on the front of the car. Some individuals who buy personalized plates wonder why they get two plates when the state requires only one plate to be displayed on the rear of the car. Years ago when I had a vanity plate I nailed my second plate inside my garage. I estimate that at least one out of five personalized plate owners do not use the front plate, however, it is a state law that these plates must be displayed on the front of your car. The fine, since we have tripled fines, is approximately \$90.00. An officer can stop you for no other reason than not displaying the personalized plate on the front of your car. House Bill 2675 would eliminate the requirement for these plates to be displayed on the front of your car. Personalized plates cost the state of Kansas approximately \$2.52 a plate to make and ship. The savings to the state over a five year period would be approximately \$50,000 per year. Thank you Mr. Chairman and I will be glad to stand for questions.



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Attachment 4

PERSONALIZED PLATES
 PER 5 YEAR CYCLE
 1990-1994
 1995-1999
 2000-TO DATE

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
44,608	12,430	11,406	11,175	3,799

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
50,711	15,915	11,795	12,797	5,467

TOTAL 1990-1994	TOTAL 1995-1999	2000-TO DATE
83,418	96,685	28,559 AS OF 9/2000

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HANK AVILA

FROM: A. Diane Albert, PSE II
 Division of Vehicles

DATE: December 17, 2001

SUBJECT: Cost to produce personalized license plate pairs

As you know, personalized plates are made and sold in pairs; therefore, these prices reflect the cost for raw materials and labor to produce 2 tags.

Aluminum:

\$1.10/lb. 4 tags/lb. Cost for 2 tags: \$.55

Personalized Plate Sheeting:

\$1.22/sq.ft. 2 tags per sq.ft. Cost for 2 tags: \$1.22

Labor to produce tags:

\$3.024/pair Cost for 2 tags: \$3.024

Decals:

	Month	County	Year	(affixed to rear tag only)	
Materials:	\$.05	\$.05	\$.05	Cost for 1 tag:	\$.15
Labor:	\$.0285	\$.0285	\$.0301	Cost for 1 tag:	<u>\$.0871</u>
					\$5.0311

\$ 2.52 per plates

HB - 2675 - VANITY PLATES

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

When I bought personalized plates, I was surprised that I received two plates. Since I know that Kansas only displays one plate in the rear of the car, I asked the licence office clerk about the extra plate. The clerk said "Don't worry about it, but you might keep it in the car just in case you get stopped." Since I already had a Jayhawk plate on the front of my car, I didn't put the extra one on my car. Well, much to my surprise, I was stopped and ticketed by the highway patrol for no other reason than not having the personalized plate displayed on the front of my car. I had broken no other law and was amazed that I was stopped. I only ever wanted one personalized plate to begin with, so can you please repeal the law that requires the purchase and display of two plates.

Thank you,
Cynthia Fisk

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Gary Hayzlett
Members of the House Transportation Committee

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

DATE: February 5, 2002

SUBJECT: House Bill 2675 – Personalized Plates

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Sheila Walker, Director of the Kansas Division of Vehicles. I want to thank you for the opportunity to appear today regarding House Bill 2675.

If passed, House Bill 2675 will reduce the number of personalized motor vehicle license plates issued for autos and trucks, from two to one. Current law requires the display of personalized plates on the front and the rear of the vehicle for which the plates are issued.

Personalized plates are issued for a five-year period. During the last five-year cycle, 96,685 personalized plate pairs were issued. Of this total, 3,377 were motorcycle personalized plates, which were issued just one plate.

Passage of this bill would result in a significant cost reduction for producing a second plate, including raw materials, as well as the cost of labor to produce a second plate. The state, however, will lose the reflectorized plate fees (\$.50 per plate) currently collected on the second plate.

Based on the last issue period, reducing the number of personalized plates issued from two to one, would result in an overall savings of more than \$90,000:

93,308 Front license plates would not be produced	\$1.512 each	\$141,081.70
93,308 Uncollected Reflectorized Plate Fees	\$.50 each	(\$ 46,654.00)
Total Savings		\$ 94,427.70

Our Vehicle Information Processing System programs will need to be modified to accommodate the reflectorized plate fee changes.

Thank you again for allowing me the time to appear.

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Attachment 6