

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 14, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Ed Pugh

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Chris Steineger  
Sheila Walker, Director, Div. Of Vehicles, KDOR  
Matt Moser, Mgr. Titles & Registration, KDOR

Others attending: See attached list

### **SB 505: Re vehicle registration; notification of renewal**

Senator Steineger explained that the bill requiring Division of Vehicles to issue notices of expiration/renewal dates on drivers' licenses, would merely enact into law what is already current practice. **SB 505** would not affect any state fund. Failure of the Division to send notices, or of registrants to receive notices, would not be cause or excuse for not paying the registration fees. No current laws require any entity to be responsible for this notification (Attachment 1). Ms. Walker answered members questions related to current functioning of the notification program. No more conferees appeared on this bill.

### **SB 506: Re motor vehicles; certain distinctive plates**

Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, speaking in support of this "cleanup measure," advised that when the current statute was enacted allowing for issuance of educational institution distinctive license plates, not-for-profit institutions of higher learning and municipal universities were unintentionally excluded. **SB 506** will make such plates available on an equal basis. The second part of this measure would waive a \$.50 reflectorized plate fee for plates that are designated by statute as "free." Need an amendment to include disabled veterans and disabled citizens' organizations which were inadvertently omitted in this bill. The other two plates in this category are congressional medal of honor and prisoner of war plates (Attachment 2) No more conferees appeared on this bill.

### **SB 507: Re certificates of title; boat trailers**

Mathew Moser, Manager of the Title and Registration Bureau for Division of Vehicles, KDOR, explained the negative impact current statute has on the boating industry and the need to eliminate the present cumbersome process for dealing with transfer of boat trailers. The Department proposes to permit transfer of boat trailers exceeding 2,000 pound weight rating with a notarized bill of sale and an inspection by the Kansas Highway patrol. This will closely resemble current procedure for titling antique vehicles and will protect both previous owners and any lienholders (Attachment 3). There was some confusion regarding the intent of this bill, and members asked for clarification of several points. One point of clarification is that this bill does not in any way deal with boat registration; just the titling of boat trailers. There were no other conferees on the bill.

### **Final committee action**

Senator Salmans recommended **SB 505** be passed and placed on the consent calendar.  
Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Senator Goodwin moved to adopt the proposed amendment to **SB 506** and further moved that **SB 506** be passed as amended. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Goodwin moved **SB 507** be passed. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes**

Senator Salmans moved to approve minutes of the February 12, 2002 meeting. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2002.

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST  
DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2002**

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Jane Stou	Shawnee Co. Farm Bureau
Jim Sprink	Wyandotte Co Farm Bureau
Rickie Griffin	Osborne Co Farm B
R. Williams	KSOTB
Jeff Bobbly	KS Str. Hts Ass'n
Sheila J. Walker	KDOR - DMV
Matthew Meser	KDOR - DMV
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Division of Vehicles

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Les Donovan, Chairman  
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

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

**DATE:** February 14, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 505 – Vehicle registration renewal notifications

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 Senate Bill 505.

Senate Bill 505, as introduced, is new legislation requiring the Division of Vehicles to annually provide vehicle registration renewal notifications to all vehicle owners. Failure of the Division to send such notice or the failure of registrants to receive the notice is not cause or excuse to fail to pay the registration fees.

Kansas has nearly 2.5 million registered vehicles. As a courtesy to vehicle owners, the Division of Vehicles currently mails registration renewal notices approximately 45 days in advance of an applicant's expiration date.

In 2001, the cost for producing renewal notices was \$304,192.06. Postage costs were an additional \$485,255.34, for a total cost of \$789,447.40.

Because the Division of Vehicles has been providing this service in the past, passage of this bill would not administratively impact the Department of Revenue.

Passage of this bill would not impact State Highway Fund revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Les Donovan, Chairman  
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

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

**DATE:** February 14, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 506 – Cleanup Measure

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 Senate Bill 506.

Senate Bill 506, as introduced, will codify that municipal universities and accredited, not-for-profit institutions of higher learning, are eligible to make application for educational institution distinctive license plates. Additionally, SB 506 waives the \$.50 reflectorized plate fee for distinctive plates that are issued at no charge to the recipient.

The statute currently allows applications from schools regulated by the State Board of Regents, community colleges, and Haskell Indian College. The law unintentionally excluded not-for-profit institutions of higher learning and municipal universities. Educational institution distinctive license plates have been well received by numerous colleges. Currently, distinctive plates are being made for four universities in Kansas, and several others have made application. SB 506 will make the provision of school plates accessible to other colleges on an equal basis. Initial screen print set up charges must still be born by the university, and the law requires that an initial order of 500 plates be secured, prior to making any order for plates.

SB 506 also waives the \$.50 reflectorized plate fee for those plates that are designated by statute as "free" to qualified recipients. Those plates would include disabled veteran (K.S.A. 8-161), and disabled citizens' organization, (K.S.A. 8-161(b)) – which currently are not included in the bill – as well as prisoner of war (K.S.A. 8-177(c) ), and congressional medal of honor (K.S.A. 8-1,145) plates. By amending and passing this bill, the state would discontinue the collection of the \$.50 reflectorized plate fee on these four plates only. The fiscal impact to waive this fee on these plates would be minimal.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I will stand for questions.

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Les Donovan  
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Mathew H. Moser, Manager *Mathew H. Moser*  
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**DATE:** February 14, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 507 – Titling of Boat Trailers

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Mathew Moser, Manager of the Title and Registration Bureau for the Division of Vehicles. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 507, regarding the titling of boat trailers.

SB 507 will permit the transfer of boat trailers with a notarized bill of sale and an inspection by the Kansas Highway Patrol. This process will closely resemble our current procedure for titling antique vehicles and will afford all the necessary protections to both previous owners and any lienholders.

Current titling statutes permit boat trailers with a gross weight of 2,000 pounds or less to be titled and registered at the owner's option. Boat trailers that exceed the 2,000 pound weight limit do not have an option, and title and registration are required. However, there are numerous situations in which owners do not title and register their boat trailers, even when it is required. Some examples of these situations are:

- The boat and trailer are maintained and used on private property.
- The owner is unaware that the gross weight of the boat and trailer are over 2,000 pounds.
- The owner is unaware that they are required to title and register the boat trailer.
- The owner is aware of the title and registration requirements, but chooses to ignore them.

In many of these cases, owners are made aware of the title and registration requirements when they sell or trade their boat and trailer, and the purchaser requests a title. Others are informed through enforcement efforts. Owners frequently lack the necessary documentation to acquire a title and registration from the Division of Vehicles and are forced to seek a "quiet title" remedy. Rather than incur the expense and inconvenience of pursuing a "quiet title" action, owners sell or trade their boats and trailers in our neighboring states, which permit a transfer of ownership on a bill of sale. This practice has a negative impact on the boating industry.

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SB 507 will help to eliminate this practice, and have a positive impact on the boating industry as well as improve customer service and convenience for the citizens of Kansas.

I would like to thank the Committee for permitting my appearance today and will stand for any questions you may have.