

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 24, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard  
Representative Mary Kauffman  
Representative Kenny Wilks

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor  
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Mark Taddiken  
Sheila Walker, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Dept. of Revenue  
Dean Reynoldson, Alcoholic Beverage Control Div., Dept. of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list

**SB 68 - Helping schools license plates**

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **SB 68** by introducing Senator Mark Taddiken. According to Senator Taddiken the intent of this bill is to create an additional source of funding for classroom supplies and equipment in the K through 12 schools. (Attachment 1) Senator Taddiken said the provisions in **SB 68** are similar to other license plate statutes. It would cost \$30 to purchase the tag and 500 would have to be purchased before the tags were issued. The purchaser of the tag would be able to designate which school district would receive the proceeds, allowing flexibility in the process. The State Board of Education would be authorized to determine the logo and would receive reimbursement for administrative costs. Funds would have to be used for classroom supplies and equipment.

There being no other proponents, the Chairman introduced Sheila Walker as a neutral. (Attachment 2) According to Director Walker KSA 8-1,141 requires that any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, be subject to the \$40.00 personalized license plate fee. **SB 68** amends KSA 8-1,141, exempting the "Helping School" license plate from the \$40.00 personalized plate fee. She agreed the guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates would still apply. The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the original bill, eliminating the requirement for the provision of a toll-free number.

Following questions from the Committee, the Chairman asked if there were any other proponents, opponents or neutrals. There being none the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 68**.

**SB 159 - Vertical format for drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to persons under 21**

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 159** and introduced Dean Reynoldson as the first proponent. (Attachment 3) He was speaking for Robert Longino, Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control Div. The intent of this bill is to assist in the verification process so a clerk can readily identify someone under age. Features of this card include the addition of red or green bars with information pertaining to the age of the individual as well as the addition of a portrait versus the standard landscape orientation will also assist people attempting to verify age and will eliminate the option of altering the birth date on valid driver licenses and IDs of underage persons. Mr. Reynoldson said the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division supports this concept and encourages the Committee to forward the bill favorably.

The next proponent was Sheila Walker. Director Walker said since the bill's implementation date coincides with the implementation date of the anticipated upgrade to their driver's license system, the

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changes can be made at no additional cost to the Division of Vehicles. She said they support this bill and see it as another tool for the retail liquor industry's use in identifying underage persons.

There being no additional proponents nor any opponents, Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **SB 159**.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 68**. Representative Yonally made a motion to report SB 68 favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Vickrey. After discussion Representative Ballou made a substitute motion to require 500 plates be sold before any plates are made and that the \$30.00 for the plates be paid before plates are made. Representative Jack seconded the bill. The substitute motion did not carry. The motion to pass the original motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett called for final action on **SB 159**. Representative Jack made a motion to pass a technical amendment to this bill due to a conflict with Section 1 of SB 16 which was signed into law earlier this year. Representative Ballou seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representative Huff made a motion to pass SB 159, as amended, out favorably. Representative Beggs seconded the motion and the motion to pass SB 159 as amended, carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

# HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Dean Reynoldson	KDOR/ABC
Pete Bodyk	KDOR/ABC
Scott Crawford	KDOR/ABC
Diane Albert	KDOR/DMV
Sheila Walker	KDOR/DMV
Mark Taddiken	21 <sup>st</sup> senate District



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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 68  
 Creating the Helping Schools License Plate  
 Senator Mark Taddiken  
 March 24, 2003**

Mr. Chairman, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Senate Bill 68, which would create the helping schools license plate. The intent of this bill is to create an additional source of funding for classroom supplies and equipment in our K-12 Schools.

Given our current fiscal situation it is important that we be creative in finding funding methods to give our classrooms the supplies and equipment that our students need. All too often we hear about classrooms that have inadequate supplies or of teachers dipping into their own pockets to buy needed classroom materials. The creation of the Helping Schools license plate would help change that situation.

The provisions in SB 68 are similar to other license plate statues. It would cost \$30 to purchase the tag and 500 would have to be purchased before the tags were issued. The purchaser of the tag would be able to designate which school district would receive the proceeds, allowing flexibility in the process. The State Board of Education would be authorized to determine the logo and would receive reimbursement for administrative costs. Funds raised would have to be used for classroom supplies and equipment.

The creation of the Helping Schools plate certainly would not alleviate the concerns about school funding that we face, but it provides valuable assistance. Attached to my testimony is a photograph of the plate currently being used in the state of Alabama. Last year, Alabama sold 63,286 plates @ \$15 per plate to raise \$736,016.18. Closer to home the Kansas State University Alumni Association nets around \$90,000 dollars per year by selling their plates for \$50.

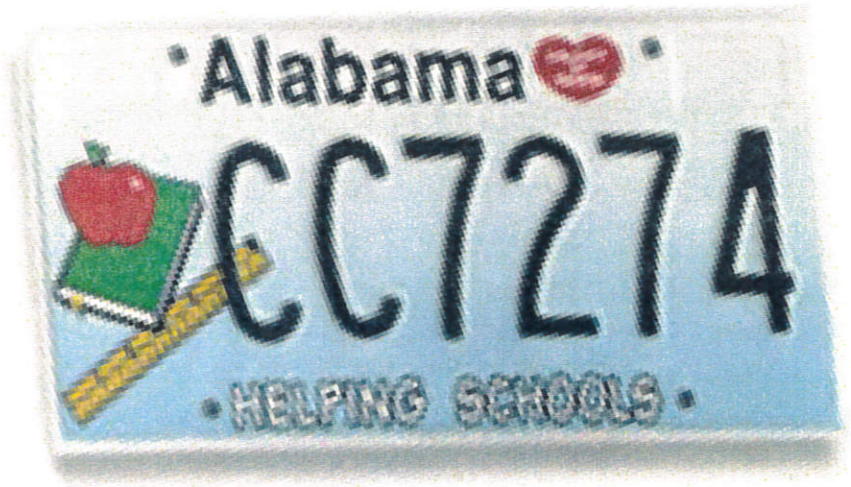
In addition to the direct monetary benefit, we could have thousands of "mini billboards" traveling our streets and highways constantly reminding other drivers of our schools and their need for our assistance. Maybe the logo on the bottom of the plate should be "schools need our help."

Mr. Chairman, we have the opportunity here today to start the process in providing our schools much needed classroom supplies and equipment with minimum cost to the State of Kansas. I ask that you give Senate Bill 68 favorable consideration and allow Kansas drivers to step forward and help our schools.

Thank you for your time and I will be glad to stand for questions

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JOAN WAGNON, SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
DIVISION OF VEHICLES

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**TO:** Representative Gary Hayzlett, Chairman  
House Transportation Committee Members

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

**DATE:** March 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 68

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Sheila Walker, and I serve as Director of the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today regarding Senate Bill 68.

Senate Bill 68 creates a new distinctive "Helping Schools" license plate for Kansans who own or lease an automobile or truck registered for a gross weight of not more than 20,000 pounds and make proper application as provided by the Director of Vehicles. Under this bill, applicants would apply for the new distinctive plate in not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of their current registration.

K.S.A. 8-1,141 requires that any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, be subject to the \$40.00 personalized license plate fee prescribed by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-132, and amendments thereto. Senate Bill 68 amends K.S.A. 8-1,141, exempting the "Helping School" license plate from the \$40.00 personalized plate fee. Other current distinctive plates that are exempt from the \$40.00 personalized plate fee include the Congressional Medal of Honor plate, the U.S. Veteran plate, and the Children's Trust Fund plate. The guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates, also required of new distinctive license plates in K.S.A. 8-1,141, would still apply. Other specialty plates that are sponsored by agencies or educational institutions are also required to provide county treasurers with a toll free telephone number, enabling drivers to check on the status of their plate application. The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the original bill, eliminating the requirement for the provision of a toll free number. The logo use/royalty payment for the plate was also reduced from \$50.00 to \$30.00.

For your reference, I have attached a listing of current distinctive plates and the fees associated with each.

The costs associated with the production of distinctive plates are related to raw materials and labor. Generally, the state produces 2,000 new plates and distributes them to county treasurers' offices for issuance to persons who have reserved a plate with the sponsoring agency. This initial run of 2,000 plates costs \$7,500 for initial production of a new distinctive plate with two colors.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Committee and provide testimony on this bill, and I am pleased to stand for any questions you may have.

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COMPARISON OF PLATE FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES

2003

PLATE TYPE	REGIS'N FEES KSA 8-143	COUNTY SERVICE FEE KSA 8-145(d)	REFLECTORIZED PLATE FEE ONE TIME ONLY KSA 8-147	PERSONALIZED PLATE FEE KSA 8-132(c) KSA 8-1,141	ROYALTY		500 RESERV'S KSA 8-1,141	TOTAL
					OTHER	FEE		
PASSENGER CARS	KSA 8-143	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$0.50	(Not a distinctive plate, listed for comparison purposes only)	N/A	N/A	\$33.50
ANTIQUE (Vehicles over 35 yrs old)	KSA 8-166 KSA 8-172	\$40.00 (one time)	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$5.00 antique vehicle fee KSA 8-167	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$48.50
ANTIQUE PERSONALIZED	KSA 8-166 KSA 8-172	\$40.00 (one time)	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00 antique vehicle fee KSA 8-167	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$88.50
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR	KSA 8-162	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$1.00 Fed. Comm. Fee	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$34.50
SPECIAL INTEREST (Vehicles 20 yrs old not modified OR veh mfg. prior to 1949 modified as "street rod")	KSA 8-194 KSA 8-195	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	22.25 (One time to obtain special interest number)	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$55.75
<b>MILITARY:</b>								
DISABLED VETERAN	KSA 8-161	Exempt per KSA 8-161	N/A	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94			Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$0.50
US VETERAN	KSA 8-1,146	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141			Exempt per KSA 8-1,141 \$33.50
NATIONAL GUARD	KSA 8-177a	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94			Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94 \$33.50

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PLATE TYPE	REGIS'N FEES	SERVICE FEE	COUNTY REFLECTORIZED PLATE FEE ONE TIME ONLY	PERSONALIZED PLATE FEE	OTHER FEE	ROYALTY	TOTAL
EX-POW	Exempt per KSA 8-177c	NO	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$0.50
CONG. MEDAL OF HONOR	Exempt per KSA 8-1,145	NO	NO	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	\$0.00
COMBAT WOUNDED PURPLE HEART	KSA 8-1,140	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$33.50
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR	KSA 8-1,139	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$33.50
ORGANIZATIONS:							
CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND	KSA 8-1,148	\$3.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	\$33.50
PUBLIC SAFETY MBR	KSA 8-1,149	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	or fee specified in statute	Not Attained Yet	\$73.50
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM							
	KSA 8-1,150	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$73.50
SHRINE	KSA 8-1,151	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$73.50
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS							
	KSA 8-1,142	\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
K U		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
K STATE		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
PITTSBURG		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
WICHITA		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
BAKER		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
EMPORIA		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50
FORT HAYS		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Not Attained Yet	\$78.50
WASHBURN		\$3.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$25 - \$100	Attained	\$78.50

Alumni KSA 8-1,142 Associations





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JOAN WAGNON, ACTING SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

To: Representative Gary Hayzlett , Chairman, House Transportation Committee

From: Robert Longino, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

Date: March 24, 2003

Subj: Support of Senate Bill 159

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Mister Chairman and Distinguished Committee Members, it is my pleasure to visit with you for a few minutes this afternoon in support of SB 159.

As many of you may know, the Division of ABC is very active in addressing the problem of illegal purchasing of tobacco and alcoholic beverage products by underage persons. Restricting access to these products is a challenging task that involves licensees, their employees, local law enforcement and the community working together to reduce and prevent point of sale purchases. The vast majority of the state's tobacco and liquor licensees are making diligent efforts to restrict access to these products at their retail locations. However, data from our controlled buy program shows approximately 20% of those we check sell to underage persons. Many times the sale is the result of the clerk simply not verifying the age once the ID is presented. The proposal in SB 159 will assist in this verification process.

The most common forms of identification used at point of sale locations in Kansas to verify the age of purchasers are driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Several changes were made to these documents in the mid 1990s that have been helpful. For instance, rather than having to compute dates when verifying age, the addition of red or green bars with information pertaining to the age of the individual has provided another tool for those required to verify ages. The additional feature of a portrait versus the standard landscape orientation will also assist people attempting to verify age and will eliminate the option of altering the birth date on valid DLs and IDs of underage persons.

The vertical format will not completely prevent misuse and abuse of DLs and IDs by underage persons. However, it will provide another useful tool for licensees, their employees and law enforcement as they attempt to verify age. ABC supports this concept and encourages the committee to forward the bill favorably.

Thank you for your time this morning and I'll make myself available for any questions.

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JOAN WAGNON, SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
DIVISION OF VEHICLES

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**TO:** Chairman Gary Hayzlett  
Members of the House Transportation Committee

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

**DATE:** March 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 159 – Vertical Drivers' Licenses & ID Cards

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Sheila Walker, Director of the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles. Thank you for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 159.

This bill requires the Division to issue vertical drivers' licenses and identification cards to those applicants under the age of 21, making the licenses and ID cards more readily distinguishable to bar owners and retailers in the liquor industry.

Since the bill's implementation date (July 1, 2004) coincides with the implementation date of the anticipated upgrade to our driver's license system, the changes can be made at no additional cost to the Division of Vehicles.

In closing, the Kansas Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles has the capacity to implement the changes proposed in Senate Bill 159, and we support the measure.

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