

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Donovan
Senator Goodwin
Senator Harrington
Senator Pugh

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Ballou, House 43rd Dist.
Sheila Walker, Dir. Div. Of Vehicles, KDOR
Representative Bethell, House 113th Dist.

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2189: Re renewal of registration of certain vehicles

Representative Ballou, House Speaker Pro Tem, testified in support of this bill which would allow time for renewal of license plates before they expire, for vehicles required to have a 16m plate and above. There is problem with enforcement interpretation of current law and this bill will correct that problem (Attachment 1). Sheila Walker advised her Department has no problem with this bill. There is no fiscal impact. No other conferees appeared on the bill. Hearing closed.

HB 2118: Model year license plates for antique vehicles

Representative Bethell provided background information on this issue. The bill will allow use of antique plates for vehicles manufactured from 1913 to 1920. Such vehicles are excluded by current law which requires a plate embossed with the year of issuance. Kansas license plates were not embossed with the year of issue until 1921. However, each year tag is a distinctive tag (Attachment 2). Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles, KDOR had no written testimony. She reported the number of 1921 or earlier vehicles is small and would not create administrative problems and would not have any fiscal effect. The bill also removes notary certification requirement on assignments of title for antique vehicles. No other conferees appeared on the bill. Hearing closed.

HB 2120: Re unattended motor vehicle, remote starter system exception

Representative Bethell explained that under current law it is illegal to leave an automobile running unattended. However, new technology makes remote starting possible without the ignition key in place. This bill would legalize use of the latest technology and at the same time secure the vehicle from theft. State law takes precedence over city ordinances (Attachment 3).

Final action

Members discussed bills heard in committee today.

Senator Schodorf moved to recommend HB 2118 favorable for passage. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Gooch moved to recommend HB 2120 favorable for passage. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Salmans moved to recommend HB 2189 favorable for passage. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

Approval of minutes

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the March 18, 2003 meeting. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2003.

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JOHN BALLOU
SPEAKER PRO TEM

Thank You MR. Chairman and members of the committee for allowing me to testify on HB 2189;

The sole purpose of this bill is making certain license plates expiration date and renewal date be changed so that the owners of these vehicles will actually have a chance to renew their plates before they expire. Let me explain, currently some plates expire on Dec. 31; the problem is the renewal sticker for these plates are not available until Jan. 2. Many of these vehicles are pick-up trucks that have a 16m plate and above. Some other examples are Boats, busses, and Trailers, except RV trailers. RV trailers currently are renewed at the same time the owners would be renewing their other vehicles. The 16m vehicles plates would now need to be renewed by March 1 and stickers for renewal would be available on Jan 2, giving owners two months to renew. Thank you for you consideration of HB 2189 and I would be happy to stand for questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Ballou". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

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DATE: 3-20-03

ATTACHMENT: 1

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Testimony on HB 2118

Chairman Donovan, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you concerning HB 2118.

I am here in support of HB 2118 and I would like to explain what is accomplished by the passage of this bill. Kansas law states that an owner of an antique automobile may by paying a fee of \$40.00 display a license plate of the same year as the manufacture of the automobile as the official Kansas license plate as long as the plate is embossed with the year of issuance. This is appropriate for antique vehicles that were manufactured beginning in 1921, but excludes vehicles manufactured from 1913 (the first year Kansas issued a license plate) to 1920, because the plates were not embossed with the year until 1921.

HB 2118 would amend the statute to allow for plates issued in years 1913 to 1920 to be used in such a manner.

I have attached information concerning the individuality of plates issued from 1913 to 1920.

Thank you for this opportunity and I urge you to support HB 2118 and that you recommend it be passed favorably.

I will stand for questions.

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HISTORY OF LICENSE PLATES CONT.

Several unique materials have been used in the manufacture of plates. Arizona, for a short time, issued a plate of burnished copper to advertise its large production of copper. Illinois made plates during World War II of soybean-base plastic but was forced to discontinue use of the material when a cow took a bite out of one of the plates. Color combinations have been varied.

And what of the future? A recently completed study and a proposed new study may prompt a re-evaluation of the merits of placing slogans and artwork on the plates. The primary purpose of a license plate is identification, concludes the finished study and therefore the numbers and letters should be as large as possible. Exploration is also underway for the development of a numbering system that could be used uniformly throughout the United States.

HISTORY OF KANSAS LICENSE PLATES

Prior to 1913 license plates were handled on a municipal basis. The applicant was charged a fee of \$5.00, \$4.25 of which went to the city clerk of his immediate area and .75¢ to the Secretary of State. The car owner had to fasten his metal numbers onto a piece of leather and attach it to his car. The same tag number was retained by the owner whether he bought a new car or kept the old one, all the motorist had to do was to pay the fee to keep his plates and there was no necessity to change.

In 1913 the Legislature of the State of Kansas passed Senate Bill #239, defining what should be construed as motor vehicles; and requiring and regulating the registration thereof; and providing for the issuance of a number plate. With the passage of the Registration Act metal tags were issued for the first time. They were not dated and had no county designation, however, the colors were changed annually and the position of the "Kan" was moved about from time to time.

In 1921 the Kansas State prison inmates started making plates and the date was placed on them. In 1930 the county designations appeared on state license plates for the first time using numbers based on population. Thus Wyandotte became #1, Sedgwick #2, and Shawnee #3, etc.

In 1943 no license plates were issued because of the war and the shortage of metal. An aluminium tab was used and was attached to the plate used the previous year. In 1945 the series "OO" was started, and a year later the smallest tag ever issued appeared on motor cars. (Wrong--the smallest tag was in 1944)

In 1951 the county designations were changed from numerals to letters, thus Wyandotte became WY, Sedgwick SG, and Shawnee SN.

In 1964 Kansas adopted the use of a partially reflectorized plate which provided what is considered a dependable night safety devise as well as an aid to law enforcement, one more step in the never ending quest for better and more efficient methods to bring about a resultant decline in the loss of life and property damage upon our streets and highways.

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ISAS VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE COUNTY CODES

KS License Tag Number designation, 1930 through 1950:

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66422 EMMETT, KS
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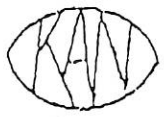
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| 2. Sedgwick SG | 23. Marion MN | 44. Coffey CF | 65. Ottawa OT | 86. Meade ME |
| 3. Shawnee SN | 24. Allen AL | 45. Doniphan DP | 66. Lincoln LC | 87. Sheridan SD |
| 4. Crawford CR | 25. Brown BR | 46. Jefferson JF | 67. Barber BA | 88. Gove GO |
| 5. Montgomery MG | 26. McPherson MP | 47. Geary GE | 68. Elk EK | 89. Gray GY |
| 6. Reno RN | 27. Wilson WL | 48. Rice RC | 69. Pawnee PN | 90. Comanche CM |
| 7. Leavenworth LV | 28. Harvey HV | 49. Linn LN | 70. Rooks RO | 91. Clark CA |
| 8. Cowley CL | 29. Osage OS | 50. Smith SM | 71. Finney FI | 92. Stevens SV |
| 9. Butler BU | 30. Riley RL | 51. Harper HP | 72. Woodson WO | 93. Hodgeman HG |
| 10. Cherokee CK | 31. Miami MI | 52. Anderson AN | 73. Rush RH | 94. Morton MT |
| 11. Labette LB | 32. Greenwood GW | 53. Pratt PR | 74. Decatur DC | 95. Logan LG |
| 12. Sumner SU | 33. Barton BT | 54. Morris MR | 75. Ness NS | 96. Scott SC |
| 13. Lyon LY | 34. Nemaha NM | 55. Mitchell MC | 76. Graham GH | 97. Lane LE |
| 14. Saline SA | 35. Ford FO | 56. Osborne OB | 77. Rawlins RA | 98. Kearny KE |
| 15. Atchison AT | 36. Cloud CD | 57. Kingman KM | 78. Thomas TH | 99. Wallace WA |
| 16. Douglas DG | 37. Washington WS | 58. Phillips PL | 79. Edwards ED | 100. Haskell HS |
| 17. Bourbon BB | 38. Ellis EL | 59. Stafford SF | 80. Sherman SH | 101. Hamilton HM |
| 18. Dickinson DK | 39. Pottawatomie PT | 60. Russell RS | 81. Chase CS | 102. Wichita WH |
| 19. Johnson JO | 40. Republic RP | 61. Norton NT | 82. Cheyenne CN | 103. Grant GT |
| 20. Marshall MS | 41. Clay CY | 62. Wabaunsee WB | 83. Trego TR | 104. Stanton ST |
| 21. Franklin FR | 42. Jackson JA | 63. Chautauqua CQ | 84. Seward SW | 105. Greeley GL |

Letter designation, 1951 to present:

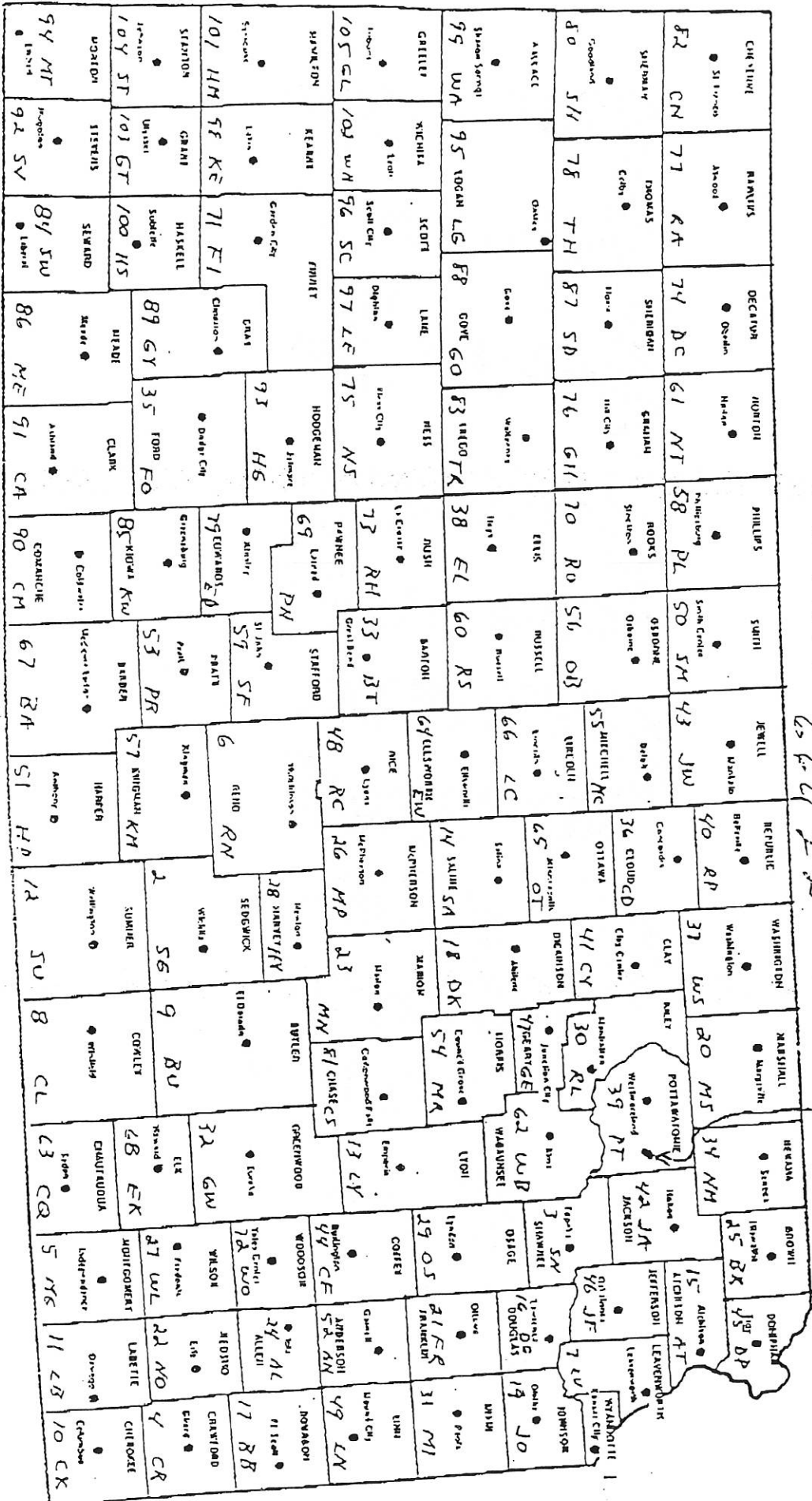
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| AT Atchison 15 | ED Edwards 79 | JW Jewell 43 | NM Nemaha 34 | SG Sedgwick 2 |
| BA Barber 67 | EK Elk 68 | JO Johnson 19 | NO Neosho 22 | SW Seward 84 |
| BT Barton 33 | EL Ellis 38 | KE Kearny 98 | NS Ness 75 | SN Shawnee 3 |
| BB Bourbon 17 | EW Ellsworth 64 | KM Kingman 57 | NT Norton 61 | SD Sheridan 87 |
| BR Brown 25 | FI Finney 71 | KW Kiowa 85 | OS Osage 29 | SH Sherman 80 |
| BU Butler 9 | FO Ford 35 | LB Labette 11 | OB Osborne 56 | SM Smith 50 |
| CS Chase 81 | FR Franklin 21 | LE Lane 97 | OT Ottawa 65 | SF Stafford 59 |
| CQ Chautauqua 63 | GE Geary 47 | LV Leavenworth 7 | PN Pawnee 69 | ST Stanton 104 |
| CK Cherokee 10 | GO Gove 88 | LC Lincoln 66 | PL Phillips 58 | SV Stevens 92 |
| CN Cheyenne 82 | GH Graham 76 | LN Linn 49 | PT Pottawatomie 39 | SU Sumner 12 |
| CA Clark 91 | GT Grant 103 | LG Logan 95 | PR Pratt 53 | TH Thomas 78 |
| CY Clay 41 | GY Gray 89 | LY Lyon 13 | RA Rawlins 77 | TR Trego 83 |
| CD Cloud 36 | GL Greeley 105 | MN Marion 23 | RN Reno 6 | WB Wabaunsee 62 |
| CF Coffey 44 | GW Greenwood 32 | MS Marshall 20 | RP Republic 40 | WA Wallace 99 |
| CM Comanche 90 | HM Hamilton 101 | MP McPherson 26 | RC Rice 48 | WS Washington 37 |
| CL Cowley 8 | HP Harper 51 | ME Meade 86 | RL Riley 30 | WH Wichita 102 |
| CR Crawford 4 | HV Harvey 28 | MI Miami 31 | RO Rooks 70 | WL Wilson 27 |
| DC Decatur 74 | HS Haskell 100 | MC Mitchell 55 | RH Rush 73 | WO Woodson 72 |
| DK Dickinson 18 | HG Hodgeman 93 | MG Montgomery 5 | RS Russell 60 | WY Wyandotte 1 |

1913 was the first year vehicle plates were issued by the State of Kansas. Colors: 1913-black on white, 1914-white on black, 1915-black on yellow, 1916-white on black with the graphic KAN, 1917-black on light green, 1918-dark green on white, 1919-dark blue on blue, 1920-white on black: 1921 was the first year plates were dated and truck tags identified with a T. 1930 was the first year counties were coded on the car and truck tags.

COLOR OF OLD LICENSE TAGS

YEAR	BACKGROUND COLORS	COLOR OF NUMBERS	POSITION OF "KAN"	
1913	White	Black	Decending Right	K : A KAN KAN
1914	Black	White	Raised A Right	
1915	Yellow	Black	Ascending Right	
1916	Black	White	Circular "Right configuration"	
1917	Green	Black	Left	
1918	White	Green	Right	
1919	Light Green	Blue	Right	
1920	Black	White	Left	
1921	Yellow	Black		
1922	Black	Orange Brown		
1923	White	Black		
1924	Green	White		
1925	Red or Maroon	White		
1926	Medium Blue	White		
1927	Aluminum	Black		
1928	White	Dark Blue		
1929	Yellow	Black		
1930	Black	White		
1931	Green	White		
1932	Orange	Black		
1933	Black	White		
1934	White	Black		
1935	Black	Orange		
1936	Orange	Black		
1937	Black	Yellow		
1938	Black	White		
1939	White	Black		

	BACKGROUND COLORS	COLOR OF NUMBERS
1940	Black	White
1941	Red	Yellow
1942	Green	White
1943	Green	White
1944	Cream	Red
1945	Cream	Black
1946	Yellow	Black
1947	Cream	Black
1948	Black	White



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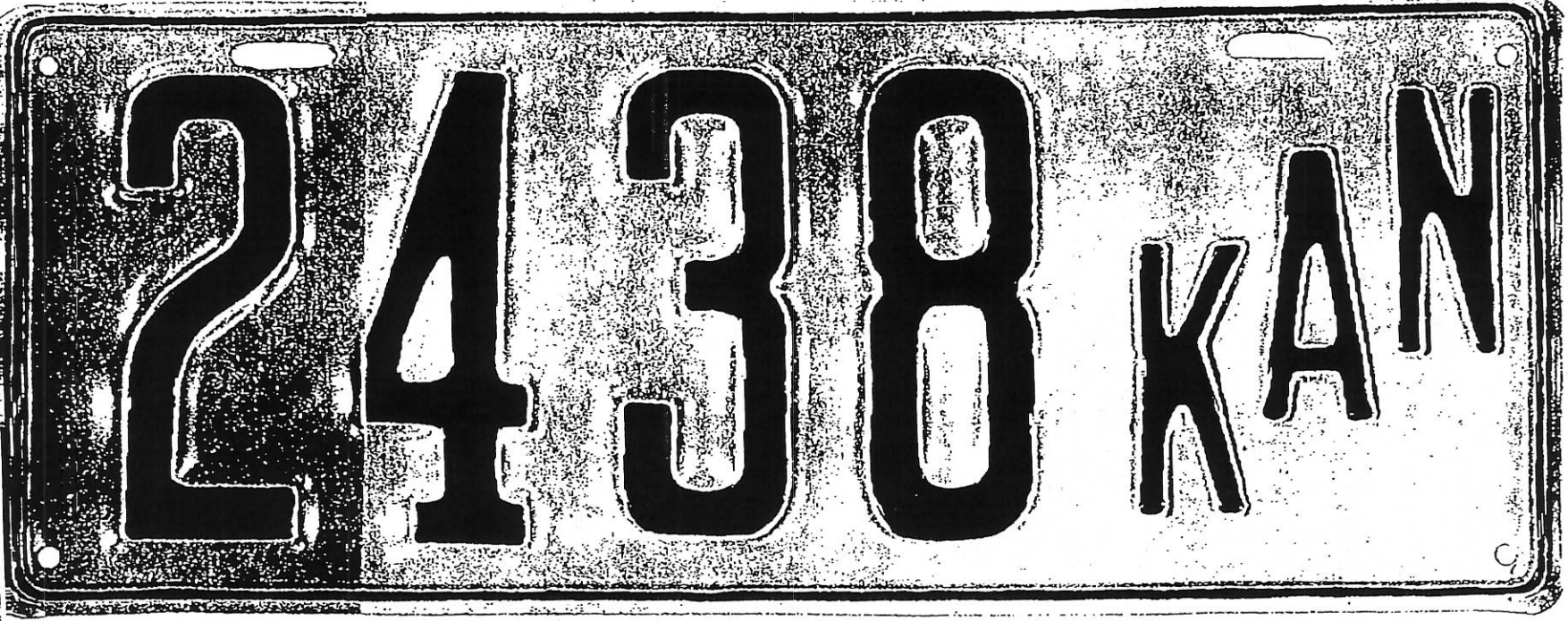
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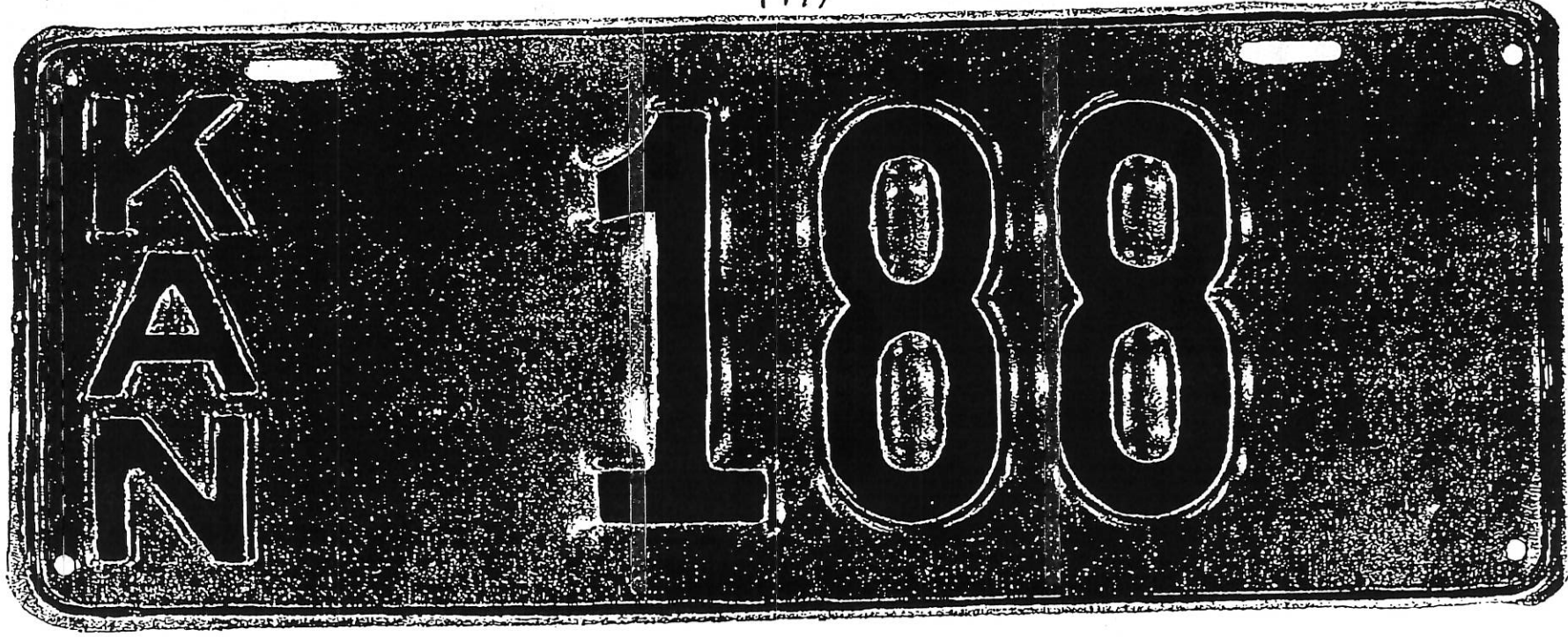


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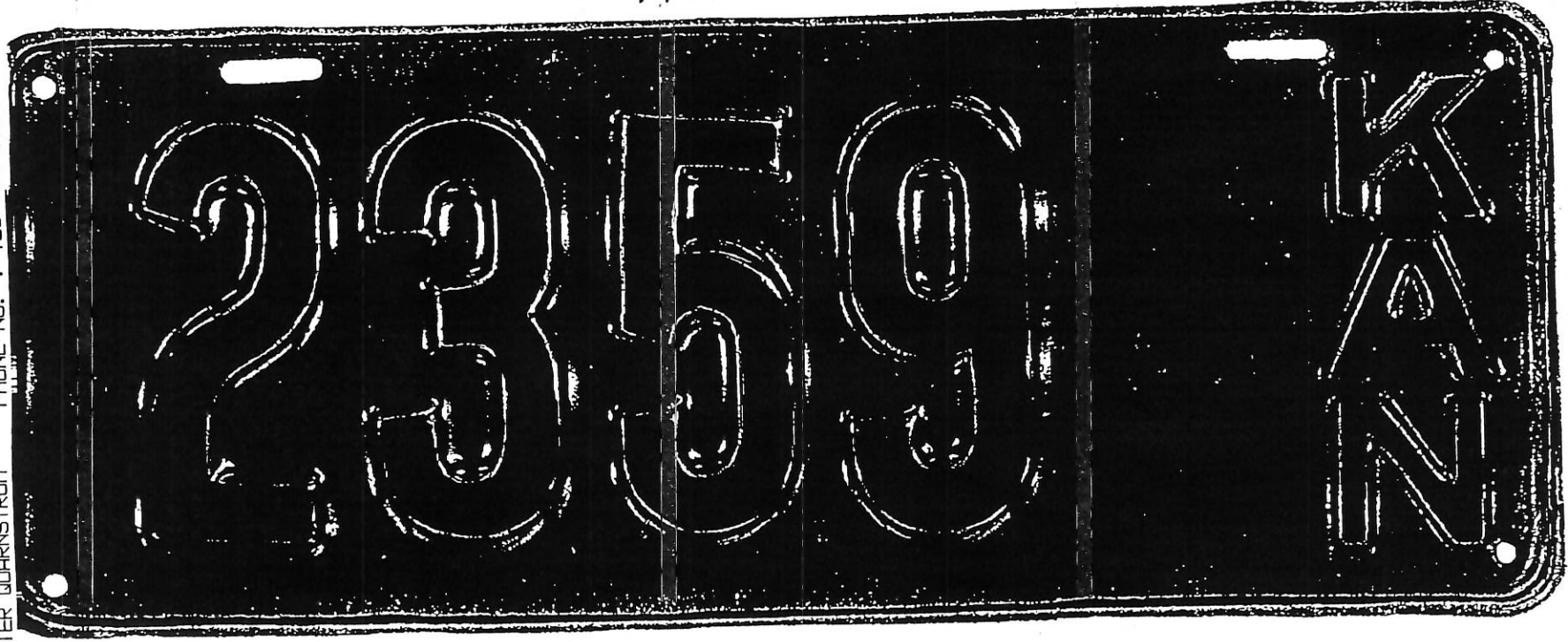
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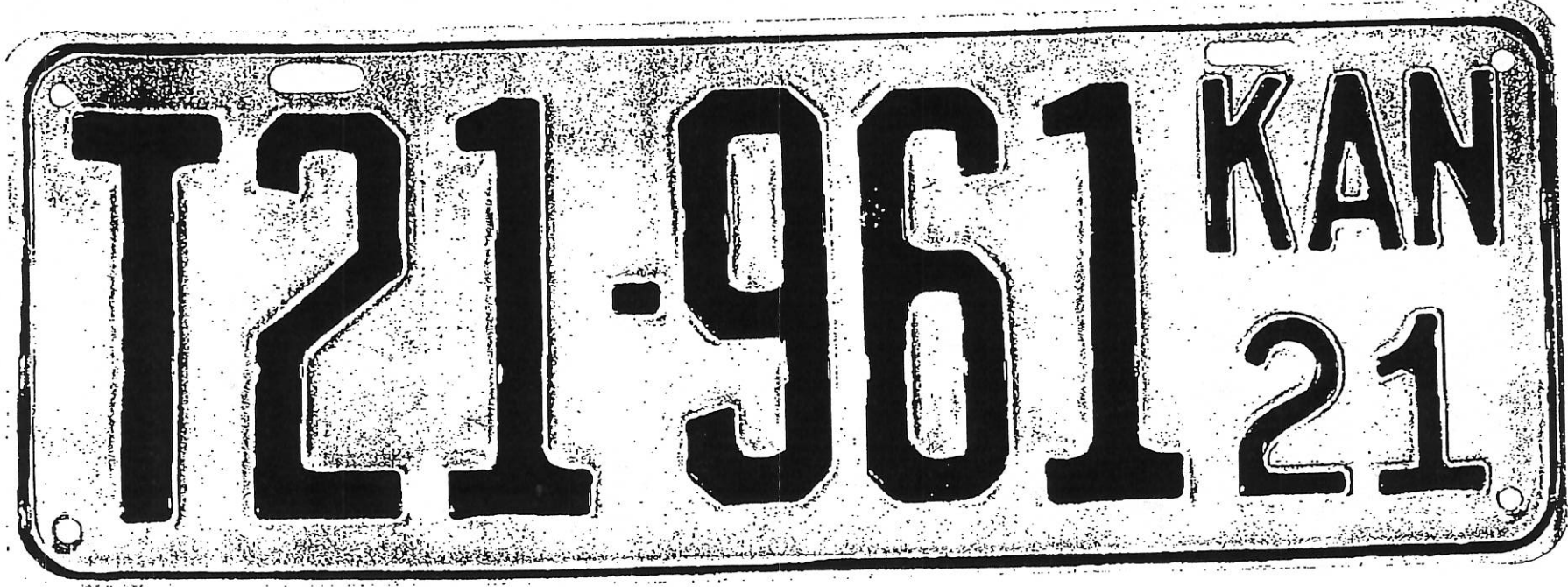
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SEC. 10. No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle on the public highway of this state unless the official number plate, furnished by the secretary of state, shall be conspicuously displayed on the rear of such motor vehicle. Such number plate shall at all times be kept free from oil, grease, or dirt, or other substance likely to impair its legibility, and shall at all times be entirely unobscured, and from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise while upon the public highways, such number plate on the rear shall be so lighted as to be plainly visible and readable at a distance of fifty feet. Such number plate shall be of standard size and shall have thereon separate arabic numerals and license year and the letters KAN, of such form and size as the secretary of state may determine, said letters and figures to be in such contrast of color to the tag as to make such letters and numbers easily read. The color of such number plate shall be changed each year by the secretary of state. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, or any dealer in motor vehicles, or other person or persons, firm, association or corporation in this state to display any number plate, tag or design of any kind tending to show that such owner or operator has complied with the law provided for the licensing of motor vehicles, other than the official tag or number plate provided and furnished by the secretary of state. Upon compliance with this act all such vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of any and all municipal motor vehicle license fees. Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation who shall make or cause to be made any tag or number plate in imitation of the tags or number plates provided by the secretary of state, or anyone who shall paint, or otherwise change any tag or number plate to represent the current tags or number plates provided by the secretary of state, shall be deemed guilty of forgery in the fourth degree and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement and hard labor in the State Penitentiary not exceeding five years, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than six months.

SEC. 11. Any person who shall destroy or cause to be destroyed, remove or cause to be removed, alter or deface, or cause to be altered or defaced, the engine number of any motor vehicle in this state, or who shall change any engine from one motor vehicle to another, or who shall give a wrong description in an application for the registration of any motor vehicle in this state, for the purpose of concealing or hiding the identity of such motor vehicle, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term of not less than two years nor more than five years.

SEC. 12. In case any official number plate furnished by the secretary of state shall become lost or mutilated, the owner

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Testimony on HB 2120

Chairman Donovan, and members of the Committee on Transportation, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you concerning HB 2120.

I am here in support of HB 2120 and I would like to explain what is accomplished by the passage of this bill. Kansas law states that an owner of an automobile may not leave a vehicle with its engine running unattended. I do understand the problem that is created when a vehicle is left unattended with the keys in the ignition.

This law however does not take into consideration the advances in technology that now allow for remote starters that are theft proof. A remote starter without the ignition key in place will lock the doors start the engine and if the vehicle is broken into and an attempt to move the vehicle is made stops the engine and cannot be restarted until a key is properly placed in the ignition switch.

HB 2120 would amend the statute to allow the use of the latest technology and secure the vehicle from theft at the same time.

Thank you for this opportunity and I urge you to support HB 2120 and that you recommend it be passed favorably.

I will stand for questions.

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