

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:40 a.m. on January 20, 2005 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Vicki Schmidt- excused
Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisors of Statutes
Maggie Breen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Proponent:
Carmen Alldritt, Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See Attached List.

SB 41: Manufacture of license plates, registration numbers

Carmen Alldritt, KDOR, Director, Motor Vehicles Division, a proponent of the bill, stated that current statute limits license plate combination to three letters followed by three numbers. The law, implemented in 1989, allowed for approximately seventeen million combinations. Without a change in current statute, the state will run out of allowable letter/number combinations.. For example, if number/letter combinations were used, an additional seventeen million would be available. And the bill does not restrict the combination to a number/letter combination. It will allow the Secretary of Revenue to select appropriate sequence numbers. (Attachment 1).

Final action

Following discussion of SB 41, Senator O'Connor moved to recommend the bill favorable for passage and put on the consent calendar. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Introduction of bill

Senator Donovan asked Bruce Kinzie, Legislative Research, to give a brief explanation of a bill request. Bruce said the bill just changes the definition of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's). Included in the current definition is a maximum width and a maximum weight which are 45 and 650 respectively. The County Attorney at Russell has requested that a new definition be established using a maximum of 48 and 800, as the manufactures are making them larger and heavier. The new definition would make the larger ones legal. It seems to be an issue in rural areas where they can be driven on certain roads.

Senator Wilson moved to introduce the bill. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Donovan announced that on February 1, at 8:15 a.m. the committee would go on a tour of the KDOT facility. Details will be provided later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2005.



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JOAN WAGNON, SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF VEHICLES

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

TO: Chairman Les Donovan
Members of the House Transportation Committee

FROM: Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles

DATE: January 20, 2005

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 41, License Plate Combinations

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Carmen Alldritt, Director of the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles. Thank you for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill. 41.

Current statute limits license plate combination to three letters followed by three numbers. This "SAM 123" law was implemented in 1989. It allowed for approximately seventeen million combinations. Since that time, the state has issued AAA 000 through WOO 300. Without a change in current statute, the state will run out of allowable letter/number combinations. This bill will allow the Secretary of Revenue to select appropriate license plate sequence numbers for future production of Kansas license plates.

We will be able to implement these changes with modifications to our current VIPS and KVIS computer systems.

We request your favorable consideration of this bill.

Thank you.