

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on March 6, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carmen Alldritt, Director, Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles
Sen. Phil Journey
Bill Kennedy, owner Topeka Driving School, Inc.
Kathy Holman, Program Co-ordinator for Safety and Health Council for Eastern Missouri and the State of Kansas
Secretary Roger Werholtz, Department of Corrections
Marcy Ralston, Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles
Captain Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol
Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance Companies
Rick Wilborn, Farmers Alliance

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2665 – Driver's licenses, destruction of surrendered licenses.**

Proponents:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles, spoke to this bill in place of Marcy Ralston. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Donovan inquired about possibility of someone whose license had been revoked getting a new one. Carmen explained records will show license is revoked.

Seeing no others who want to speak to the bill, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2665.** Sen. Wilson moved HB 2665 be passed out favorable and put on the Consent Calendar since there is no controversy regarding this bill. Sen. Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Donovan reopened hearing on **SB 4 – Driver improvement clinics, fees, disposition thereof.**

Proponents:

Sen. Journey briefly explained the bill.

Bill Kennedy, owner of Topeka Driving School, Inc., explained he feels it is important to offer re-education of drivers who make mistakes. His business offers these types of classes for offenders. They are eight hour classes for \$100 for offenders and \$50 for general public. He left the committee information of Driver Improvement Programs presently available to the public. (Attachments 2, 3, and 4)

Kathy Holman, Program Co-ordinator with the Safety and Health Council for eastern Missouri and the entire state of Kansas, has worked with the Highway Patrol for a number of years. Their program also offers classes to help drivers improve their skills. They are a chapter of the National Safety & Health Council. Ms. Holman said she would like to recommend that when the criteria is being developed for these classes, since the age group from 16 to 25 is the most apt to need this service, it would be wise to have a separate class for that age

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group and another for adults over 25. (Attachment 5)

Secretary Roger Werholtz, Department of Corrections, spoke about his support of this bill. Of 58,000 people released from prison per year, about half need a new drivers license and this bill would be important in getting them back on the road appropriately. He also appreciates the revenue stream created in the bill that would provide resources to the Department. Secretary Werholtz suggested amendments to the bill: on page 1, lines 31, 32, and 34 and on page 5, lines 5 and 6, to substitute the words Community Corrections for the words Correctional Services.

Neutral:

Marcy Ralston from the Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, suggested a Driver Improvement Clinic be offered in place of suspension of a drivers license and in place of removing points. Other states have a point system rather than convictions. Now send notice when driver has 3 convictions that license may be suspended. That could be changed to say the license will be suspended unless you attend this class. Sen. Goodwin asked if a certification would be sent to the Department advising them the person has completed the class. Yes, that is right.

Sen. Apple asked how the \$350.00 fee would be handled. Sen. Journey suggested there be a requirement that the net funds be collected by the Department of Revenue and then distributed to the Department of Corrections. It would be handled through Rules and Regulations. When Department of Revenue receives the certificate stating the individual has successfully completed the class, he/she would be eligible to have his license reinstated. Sen. Schmidt asked about administrative costs. Sen. Journey said the Department of Corrections is willing to make the division of the fee \$200 to Department of Revenue and \$150.00 to Department of Corrections. Sen. Schmidt suggested the ceiling on the fee be made high enough and let Rules and Regulations allow Department of Revenue time to figure expenses involved, so we do not make the fee unrealistic in the statute. Ms. Alldritt added that time would be needed to get that information together to know a probable fee. Sen. Donovan asked if putting off implementation time to January 1, 2009 would be acceptable. Ms. Alldritt thought that would be.

Sen. Apple suggested certified vendors actually doing the driving program. He thinks it would work better if the client write a check to the driving school to pay for that, the, when the client receives a certificate, a check be sent to the Department of Revenue where it will be handled only one time. The Department would not take any action on the suspension of the license until they receive the money.

Captain Mark Bruce was present to give the Kansas Highway Patrol's neutral opinion on the bill. They neither support nor oppose the bill. They have concerns about a carte blanc application of what violations would be included in the forgiveness clause of the bill. The Department is interested in working with Department of Revenue and law enforcement partners to identify some specific violations that the committee may not want to include within forgiveness. Sen. Donovan said he did not see anything in the bill that would prevent such cooperation.

Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance Companies, said they recommend that the committee consider the amendment the Department of Motor Vehicles is proffering as opposed to removing tickets from records. Since Kansas does not have a points system this is a good option. He urges the committee to adopt the amendment proposed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (Attachment 6)

Rick Wilborn, with Farmers Alliance, a company that writes automobile insurance, also supports the amendment not to remove offences from records.

Sen. Goodwin had some questions. She is concerned over a driver getting to choose which offence he wants removed from his record. Bill Sneed said that is why they support the amendment Department of Motor Vehicles suggested, which would continue to show offences on the drivers' records.

Sen. Journey asked how much of a cost savings is given to drivers who take such a class. Mr. Sneed explained those who take this sort of class seem to improve skills as a general rule. Those who take these types of classes generally see a 5 to 10% decrease in premiums.

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Sen. Donovan pointed out there are a lot of programs available throughout the state to take these classes, so it should not be a hardship for drivers to attend a class.

Sen. Journey asked about completing this bill. We have a technical amendment to be added plus working with the revisor and Carmen and Marcy to change the program to reflect what they have been requesting. Sen. Donovan would entertain an amendment to change the mix of funding in some degree possibly favoring the Department of Motor Vehicles more that it does now. We will vote on these amendments whenever we have another hearing on this bill.

Sen. Schmidt would suggest an amendment that would put a higher cap into the bill, so it is not necessary to change the bill later. Carmen said many of these sorts of bills are drafted in such a way that the Department of Revenue has authority to review these programs on a yearly basis and make cost adjustments. An amendment giving a fee "not to be above" a certain amount would be helpful.

Marcy Ralston wanted to say there currently are regulations and repeat violators' actions.

Chairman Donovan said there will be four potential amendments to look at when we meet again to discuss this bill, and get this bill in shape to get voted out of committee and to the floor.

There were no further questions. Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **SB 4**.

Chairman Donovan asked for approval of the minutes. Sen. Wilson moved the minutes be approved as written. Sen. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. No other meeting is scheduled at this time.

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TO: Chairman Les Donovan
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Marcy Ralston
Chief, Driver Control Bureau, Division of Vehicles

DATE: March 6, 2008

RE: House Bill 2665

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is Marcy Ralston and I serve as the Chief of the Driver Control Bureau, Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue.

I'm speaking in behalf of House Bill 2665 that would allow the Driver Control Bureau to stop retaining seized or surrendered driver's licenses. Currently, we have approximately 16,000 driver's licenses in our files. We receive about sixty driver's licenses daily but only return or destroy half that amount per day so the retention volume keeps increasing. We determine 50% to 60% of the driver's licenses we return are to persons who are required to retest, or whose license expired, and must obtain a new license anyway. Many do not wait to get their old license back in the mail before they go get a new one. Two office assistants spend most of their work day checking drivers' files to see if we even need to retain the license, plus filing, pulling, returning and destroying licenses. At a time when we look at what we are doing and why we are doing it, this seems to be a task that we could eliminate and better use our resources.

Interestingly enough, the State of Idaho conducted a recent survey of other DMV's about drivers license retention. Out of twenty-three responses, 61% do not retain the seized or surrendered licenses. I've listed below the results of the responding states:

DL's Destroyed: Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Quebec, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

DL's Retained: Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Our fiscal note also indicates an additional increase to the Photo Fee Fund from an estimation of persons who currently do not need to replace their license, but would if this bill is passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on House Bill 2665 and I stand for any questions.

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SENATE BILL #4 – DRIVER IMPROVEMENT CLINICS

Bill Kennedy

- Teacher (public & private) 25 years
- Teaching driver education (public & private) 20 years
- Owner: Topeka Driving School, Inc. *
 - Subsidiaries:
 1. Drive-Right School of Lawrence
 2. Drive-Right School of Wichita
 3. Drive-Right School of Johnson County
 4. Little Apple Driving School – Manhattan
 - *Enrollment for all schools totaling 1,500 annually

Services Provided:

1. Beginning driver education program
2. Advanced Defensive Driving (AAA Driver Improvement Program)
 - a. Insurance discounts
 - b. Court ordered traffic offenders
3. Developing power point with law enforcement for Department of Corrections re-entry program.

I support Senate Bill #4 concerning driver improvement clinics. Since driving in Kansas is a “privilege not a right”, the opportunity for less than stellar drivers to continue to educate themselves should always be available, if not mandated. In addition, as an incentive to reduce the number of traffic tickets or points that a driver has acquired, this type of program could, very well, act as a motivational tool for those drivers to learn more about how to become safer and more responsible drivers. This, of course, will not only help the drivers, but the rest of us sharing the Kansas roadways with them.

Recommendation (for excessive traffic violations):

1. For drivers 14 to 18 years of age – reeducate by requiring them to attend a state certified driver education program (for their first time or to repeat the course).
2. For drivers 19 years of age and older – reeducate by giving them the opportunity to attend a state certified driver improvement, defensive driving course (8 hours) in order to reduce tickets or points.

Driver Improvement Programs (DIP)

DIP's are found all over the state of Kansas. Driving schools and clinics across the state use the standards developed by AAA and the NSC. DIP's are commonly used to get reduced rates on auto insurance. The courts often require the completion of a DIP for traffic diversions or as a part of sentencing.

AAA- Betty Oliva, Topeka (785)438-6554

- Uses Highway Patrol Troopers certified as instructors
- Offered in Topeka every 2 months
- Offered in other locations for groups of 15-20 as needed
- \$20
- 8hr/1day class
- Defensive driving emphasis

Doug Loughead, Supervisor-Driving Schools (513) 762-3202

- Ohio uses a "points" system
- Participation in DIP gives participant "credit"-doesn't remove points/infraction, but gives cushion against suspension

Bill Kennedy's Driving Schools- Bill Kennedy, owner (785) 272-1961

3641 SW Plass, Topeka KS 66611

-SB 4 is a "great idea, long overdue."

- Mr. Kennedy has been in Driver Education since 1970 and has operated his own schools for 14 years
- Teaches Driver's Ed to 1,500 students each year
- Locations in Topeka, Wichita, Kansas City*, Manhattan*, Lawrence*
- Uses AAA certified instructors/curriculum
- DIP currently only offered in Topeka every 3 months and in Wichita every 2 months
- Court ordered offenders pay \$100-\$150; others pay \$50
- 8hr course; 1 day or two 4-hr days

Twin City Driver Education- Jack and Terri West, owners (913) 649-4365

9290 Bond St, Ste 105, Overland Park, KS 66214

- 20 years in business- offered DIP's for over 12 years
- Uses AAA certified instructors/curriculum
- DIP currently offered once/month in Overland Park
- \$55
- 8hr/1day course
- Olathe- courts refer/require "traffic school" in many cases

National Safety Council (NSC) <http://www.nsc.org/train/ddc/>

Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas (Chapter of NSC)

www.safetycouncilmoks.com

(816)842-5223

Pat Bush, Board of Directors

Kathie Holman, Program Director

- Taught by KS Hwy Patrol Troopers
- 8hr program (good for insurance discounts etc)
- 4hr program (used for court referrals)
- Defensive driving emphasis
- Many different specialized courses are available* (Coaching the Mature Driver, Coaching the SUV Driver, Alive at 25, etc.)
- Programs are used in many company Safety Departments (Private Agency Agreements)

*not all courses are available in Kansas at this time

Wichita Driving School- Mike Johnson, owner (316)651-0848

www.wichitadrivingschool.com

- Uses a NSC accredited program
- 8hr course

AARP - www.aarp.org

- Has courses designed specifically for seniors and the special challenges they face on the road
- Taught by AARP trained/certified volunteers
- \$10 fee
- Spanish courses available in some areas

Correctional Counseling of KS- Shawna Mobley (316)262-3060

806 N Main, Wichita KS 67202

- uses National Curriculum and Training Institute (NCTI) guidelines
http://www.ncti.org/criminal_justice/aj_deffensive_driving.php
- 6hr/1day class
- Focused on attitude as well as rules of road
- \$45
- Used by judges in various ways (diversions, sentencing, etc.)



Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Sandy Praeger

2008 NAIC President

Accident Prevention Courses

Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Courses

The following are approved courses that individuals may take to receive the Accident Prevention Course Discount.

Course	Phone	Location
AARP Driver Safety Program	866-448-3619	Various locations throughout the state
AARP Driver Safety Program - Online	www.aarp.org/drive/online	Online only
AAA Driver Improvement Program	800-365-5222	Various locations throughout the state
AAA I Drive Safely	idrivesafely.com	Online only
ALEFS Riders Edge	316-440-5700	Wichita
Basic Rider Course	913-288-7189	Kansas City Kansas Community College Campus
Basic Rider Course	316-683-2342	Andover, El Dorado, and Independence
Buggin' and Cruisin' Driving School	913-397-8500	Olathe
Cyr's Driving School, Inc. -- Wichita	316-265-9871	Wichita
Harder Performance Driving School	913-310-9898	Overland Park
Hartford 3D Driving - Course is available only to Hartford policyholders	800-255-6440	Various locations throughout the state
Hutchinson Community College - Motorcycle Safety Beginning Course	620-665-3550	Hutchinson
Hutchinson Community College - Motorcycle Safety Advanced Course	620-665-3550	Hutchinson
Kansas Highway Patrol Skid Car Defensive	785-296-6800	Various locations throughout the state

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Driving Program		
Midwest Motorcycle Training Center	913-432-7033	Olathe
National Safety Council's Coaching the Experienced Driver	816-842-5223	The course is taught at various locations throughout the state and on-line
National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course	816-842-5223	Various locations throughout the state
Seward County Community College	620-624-1951 or 800-373-9951	Liberal
Wichita Driving School	316-651-0848	Wichita

The following courses are approved for the Accident Prevention Course Discount. However, they may not be available to the general public as they are marketed to businesses or to employees of the company or organization.

Additional Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Courses

Course	Phone	Location
Coffey County Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course		
Enron's Defensive Driving Training Program		
Forty Hour Driver Instructor Training Program		
Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center		
Smith System Eight Hour Driver Improvement Program		
Kansas City Area Transportation Authority - AdVANtage Vanpool Program		
Coaching the Sales Professional	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Mature Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the SUV Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Van Driver II	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Professional Truck Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Straight Truck Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Maintenance Vehicle Operator II	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Utility Truck Driver II	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Transit Bus Operator	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations

Coaching the Motor Coach Operator	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the School Bus Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Transporting Passengers with Special Needs	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Route Sales Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Beverage Truck Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Refuse Truck Driver II	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Ready-Mixed Truck Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Pest Control Driver	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations
Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II - Ambulance	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II - Fire	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations and on-line
Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator II - Police	816-842-5223 ext. 222	Various locations

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Safety & Health Council of Western MO & KS
Chapter National Safety Council
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816-842-5223

March 6, 2008

To the Hearing Committee:

The Safety & Health Council of Western Missouri & Kansas is a non-governmental, not-for-profit, public service organization dedicated to the prevention of accidents and injuries wherever they occur. It was founded in 1916 and chartered through the national Safety Council by the Congress of the United States in 1953.

This Council is composed of members and volunteers from business, labor, industry, government, agriculture, traffic, women, youth, educational, recreational groups, including all segments of the public and private sector.

Our Mission is "to promote the safety and health of our members and the community as a whole through heightened awareness and education". We are here to serve you and the community we represent to make it a safer place in which to live, work and play. It is our hope for the future that each person will live productive lives with a minimum of fear and pain, as the result of valid accident prevention educational programs.

As the local Chapter of the National Safety Council, we see in Senate Bill 4 a chance to offer Kansas Drivers an opportunity to reduce a moving violation from their record by actively participating in and the completion of a state approved Driver Improvement Program. We are at the present time offering such programs throughout the state of Kansas via our Training Centers, the Kansas Highway Patrol and our staff Instructors.

We offer the Defensive Driving 6/8 Hour Program for the State of Missouri's Point Reduction Program known as D.I.P. (Driver Improvement Program). We are currently offering that program through Johnson County Community College and several Community Colleges across Kansas for the Insurance Discount Program legislated by Kansas. K-Dot and the National Safety Council have worked very closely with the Pilot/Escort Drivers in either offering them the Defensive Driving Course they need or providing them with available course information for their location.

The National Safety Council currently is offering state wide Traffic Educational Programs both on-line and classroom for the following states. Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio,

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Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota, Utah and Arizona. The classes offered are based on the criteria set forth by the states and often include several of the different programs we offer to meet the needs of the community they serve. Since its inception 43 years ago, the National Safety Council's original Defensive Driving Program is the oldest and most widely used program in the World.

I have included several informational sheets on just some of the programs we offer. The National Safety Council and your local Chapter, the Safety & Health Council would like the opportunity, should this bill come to fruition, to help in any way we could with the criteria/requirements and subsequent implementation of the State of Kansas Driver Improvement Program(s).

Thank you for the opportunity to present who we are, and how we feel we can be of service to the state of Kansas and all Kansans.

Patrick Bush
Executive Committee Officer
Safety & Health Council of Western MO & KS

Kathie Holman
Program Director
Safety & Health Council of Western MO & KS



NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

CRASH-FREE JUNE



AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Operating a vehicle in a way that endangers other people and property — such as improper passing, weaving in and out of traffic, or following too closely — compromises the safety of both the driver and everyone around them.

- Aggressive driving typically encompasses: speeding, tailgating, making frequent and sudden lane changes, failure to yield right-of-way, and disregarding traffic signals. These types of behaviors cause over 50% of all crashes.
- Seemingly harmless maneuvers can be considered aggressive when performed knowingly or without regard for other drivers. These drivers can then, in turn, become aggressive.
- Aggressive driving can escalate into “road rage,” which is defined as “using a vehicle as a weapon with intent to do harm or physical assault of an individual as a result of a traffic occurrence.” Committing road rage is a criminal offense.

Even drivers who are courteous and obey traffic laws can become targets of aggressive drivers. It’s always important to stay aware, watch for aggressive drivers, and drive defensively.

SAFETY TIPS

- **Driving is not a win or lose situation.** The only winners are those drivers who reach their destination safely. Allow other vehicles to pass by making room ahead of your vehicle.
- **Aggressive driving only leads to more aggressive driving.** In general, the more courtesy a driver shows to others, the more they get back.
- **Time spent in a car is not time wasted.** Driving doesn’t have to be a nervous, anxious experience focused on hurrying to a destination. Let it be personal time spent in a personal space. Listen to music, or think about something pleasant. Make the space inside the vehicle comfortable.
- **Drive in the appropriate lane and allow enough distance between your vehicle and the one ahead of you.**
- **Don’t worry about the behavior of other drivers; concentrate on driving safely.**
- **Plan your trips with enough time so that you don’t feel rushed. Let the trip be relaxing.**
- **Don’t drive when angry, upset, or overly tired.**
- **Personalize other drivers.** Remember that every driver is someone’s family member or friend.





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DISTRACTED DRIVING

It only takes a second for a crash to happen. Distractions occur when drivers concentrate on something other than operating their vehicles — such as engaging in cell phone conversations.

- The NHTSA estimates that 25% of all crashes involve some form of driver distraction.
- A recent NHTSA survey found that nearly 75% of drivers reported using their phone while driving, and an estimated 60% of cell phone use takes place behind the wheel.

Driving safely can be challenging enough even when full attention is given to the road and its potential hazards. Driving while operating a cell phone, adjusting the radio, or eating and drinking can be distracting and potentially dangerous.

SAFETY TIPS

- Make adjustments to vehicle controls — such as radios, air conditioning, or mirrors — before beginning to drive or after the car is no longer in motion.
- Don't reach down or behind the driver's seat, pick up items from the floor, open the glove compartment, clean the inside windows, or perform personal grooming while driving.
- If you must use a cell phone:
 - Keep both hands on the steering wheel and eyes on the road. Remember that safe driving is the priority.
 - Assess the current traffic situation before making or receiving any calls. Do not answer or dial the phone when driving in hazardous conditions.
 - Pull over to the side of the road before beginning a cell phone conversation, or wait until you reach your destination. The safest time to use a cell phone while driving is when stopped.
 - Become familiar with how to use the phone. Read the manual and know how to use the available features.
 - The National Safety Council strongly recommends using a cell phone that allows "hands free" operation, preferably with a microphone mounted in the sun visor directly above the driver's line of vision.



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DROWSY DRIVING

Just like drugs or alcohol, sleepiness slows reaction time, decreases awareness, and impairs judgment. Just like drugs or alcohol, it can be fatal when driving.

- Death rates based on mileage were 2.5 times higher at night than during the day in 2002.
- 37% of drivers surveyed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration admitted to falling asleep at the wheel at some point in their driving career.
 - 8% admitted doing so in the past six months.
 - 60% admitted falling asleep while driving on an interstate-type highway with posted speeds of 55 MPH or higher.

The drivers at highest risk are: third shift workers, people that drive a substantial number of miles each day, those with unrecognized sleep disorders, and those prescribed medication with sedatives.

SAFETY TIPS

- Maintain a regular sleep schedule that allows adequate rest.
- Learn to recognize the symptoms of fatigue:
 - Eyes closing or going out of focus
 - Persistent yawning
 - Irritability, restlessness, and impatience
 - Wandering or disconnected thoughts
 - Inability to remember driving the last few miles
 - Drifting between lanes or onto shoulder
- When the signs of fatigue begin to show, **get off the road**. Take a short nap in a well-lit area. **Do not** simply stop on the side of the road.
- When planning long trips:
 - Share driving responsibilities with a companion.
 - Begin the trip early in the day.
 - Stop every 100 miles or 2 hours to get out of the car and walk around; exercise helps to combat fatigue.
- Avoid driving between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.





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DRINKING AND DRIVING

In 2002, 17,419 people died in alcohol-related crashes. Alcohol was a contributing factor in 40% of all motor vehicle fatalities last year. It slows reaction time, decreases awareness, and impairs judgment.

- Two out of every five people will be involved in an alcohol-related vehicle crash in their lifetime.
- Young people are particularly at risk. Every day, 13 people between the ages of 16 and 24 die in an alcohol-related crash.
- The National Safety Council estimates that alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes cost America \$34.1 billion in 2002.

Alcohol affects everyone differently; there is no way to determine how many drinks will cause a person to become intoxicated. When dealing with alcohol, planning ahead is the best way to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

SAFETY TIPS

- It cannot be emphasized enough: if you are drinking, do not drive.
- Choose a designated driver. A designated driver is not someone who is the most sober; it's someone who did not drink at all.
- Strictly enforce a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to alcohol and the young drivers in your family. Give them the guidance they need to deal with peer pressure and to make wise choices.
- Wear your seat belt. There is no better defense against drunk drivers.





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SPEEDING

Speeding is a contributing factor in crashes that kill approximately 12,000 people each year. Speeding reduces the time a driver has to avoid a crash and increases the likelihood and severity of the crash.

- In 2002, exceeding the posted speed limit or driving at an unsafe speed was the most common error in fatal crashes.
- Every 10 MPH traveled over 50 MPH doubles the risk of death if a crash occurs. For example, at 80 MPH the chances of dying if involved in a crash are eight times greater than at 50 MPH. On a ten-mile trip, this increased risk results in only four minutes of reduced travel time.

The dangers of speeding far outweigh the travel time saved. Choosing to exceed the speed limit or drive too fast for traffic, road, vehicle, or driver conditions can result in not just a speeding ticket, but injury or death. Speed limits are not just guidelines; they save lives.

SAFETY TIPS

- Know the current speed limit.
- Assess current driving conditions and adjust your speed to those conditions. Under certain conditions, the posted limit may be too fast.
- Allow enough time to reach your destination. If you are running late, call ahead. Do not rush.
- Check the speedometer.
- Recheck the speedometer.
- Slow down when being tailgated to encourage the other driver to pass. Don't speed up.
- Reduce speed in work and school zones. Be cautious and alert.



driver improvement

Eight- or Six-hour Defensive Driving Course, 8th Edition



The National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course set the standard for driver improvement training with its introduction in 1964. We've trained more than 60 million drivers worldwide since then, reaching more than a million new drivers every year.

- Our Defensive Driving Course has the highest rate of success in reducing the number and severity of collisions, and their related costs.
- More courts, state departments of motor vehicles, insurance companies, municipalities, businesses, government agencies, and driving schools trust NSC for quality driver improvement training.
- It's the one driver improvement program that offers consistent quality and content nationwide.
- NSC's Research and Statistics team identifies the leading causes of death, injury, and collisions – then we design our training to help drivers avoid those situations.
- We keep our instructors up to date on the latest developments in traffic law and automobile technology.

DDC-8/6 – The Original Defensive Driving Course

DDC-8/6 is a comprehensive driver improvement program with a basic six-hour curriculum that you can expand to eight hours if required by your state or your specific training needs. DDC-8/6 is an interactive course designed to give drivers practical knowledge and techniques to avoid collisions and violations, and to choose safe, responsible, and lawful driving behaviors. The new 8th edition features updated statistics, driving tips, and a section that can be customized with local driving statutes.

New and expanded topics include:

- The physical forces of a collision
- How drugs, alcohol, physical conditions and emotions affect your driving
- Avoiding collisions by choosing safe, legal behaviors
- Dealing with driver distractions and fatigue
- The importance of occupant safety devices and how to use them correctly

We offer flexible training options to fit your schedule and budget. You can train at a National Safety Council DDC Training Center, or at your facility. Or, become an instructor and train your employees yourself.

If you sign up as a participant for DDC-8/6, you'll receive our illustrated Participant Guide, with practical exercises and tips you'll refer to even after the course is over. After completing the course, you'll also receive a National Safety Council DDC Certificate of Completion.

If you want to become a DDC-8/6 instructor, you'll find that that our curriculum is easy – and enjoyable – to teach. Our support materials help you make the most of your students' time. Our Teaching Kit includes a 12-month video lease of new and updated titles on your choice of VHS or DVD: *Sense-abilities*, *We Give You the Facts: You Decide*, *Drive to Survive*, *Auto Focus: Conditions of Driving*, and *Choices That Can Change a Life*; choice of flip chart or PowerPoint™CD-ROM; traffic shapes and signs, magnetic intersection kit.

DDC-8/6 8th edition will be available in Spanish, summer 2005.

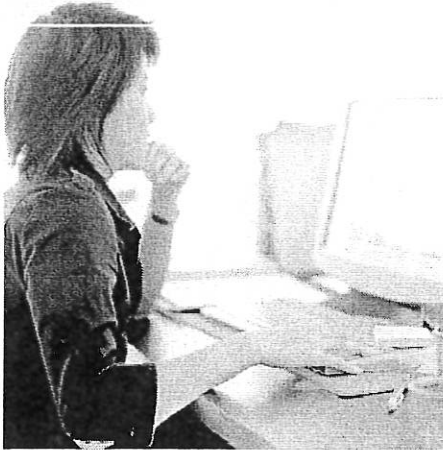
For information on DDC-8/6 classes in your area, or becoming a DDC-8/6 instructor, visit our website at www.nsc.org/train



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driver improvement

Defensive Driving Course Online



Defensive driver training just got easier and more engaging. Now based on the updated Defensive Driving Course (DDC) – 8/6, 8th Edition, DDC Online is better than ever! Get the same quality content as our DDC 8-hour classroom program, but at a fraction of the cost and time.

- Since its introduction in 2000, 1.2 million drivers have taken DDC Online.
- More than 30 Fortune 100 companies have trained their employees to drive defensively with NSC DDC Online.

New and expanded features include:

- Greater interactivity and more real-life driving simulations
- Redesigned with streaming video (or photo montage for lower speed connections)
- Updated statistics and driving tips
- How drugs, alcohol, physical conditions and emotions affect your driving
- Dealing with driver distractions and fatigue
- Dealing with stress and road rage
- Learning the physical forces of a collision
- Understanding the importance of occupant safety devices and how to use them correctly

It's flexible. Train any size group, even drivers at remote locations, at their own pace, anywhere a PC and an Internet connection are available – even in the comfort of their home!

It's easy to use. No computer experience or software required. Simple navigation allows all users to complete the course with ease.

It's cost-effective. Train all your drivers for a fraction of what it would cost to send them out for instruction – and far less than the cost of one preventable collision!

It's simple to get started. Corporate safety personnel can preview the entire course at no cost before purchasing. Go to www.nsc.org/demos for instructions.

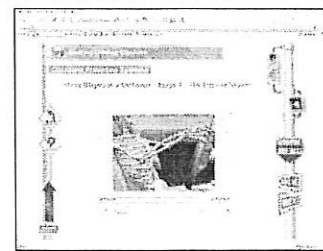
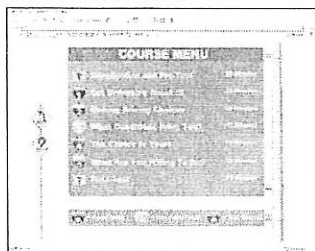
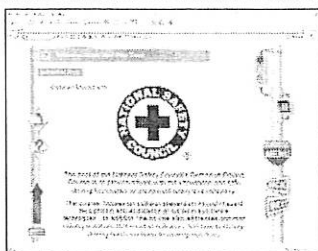
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Member	\$41.25	\$36.80	\$28.50	\$20.00	\$14.25
Nonmember	\$52.00	\$47.80	\$37.05	\$26.00	\$18.55

*When you purchase more than 100 IDs, we'll host and maintain a co-branded site for your organization at no extra charge.

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GSA pricing also available, call for GSA schedule, 800.621.7619.



To order DDC Online or get information on other NSC Defensive Driving Courses, visit www.nsc.org/train/ddc or call 800.621.7619 or your local NSC Chapter.



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driver improvement

Defensive Driving Course - Alive at 25, 2nd edition



Vehicle crashes are the #1 cause of death for people between the ages of 16 and 24. The National Safety Council, a leader in driver improvement training for more than 40 years, developed DDC-Alive at 25 to specifically target drivers in this age group.

- Since 1995, more than 500,000 young adults have learned life-saving defensive driving skills through DDC-Alive at 25.
- In a recent study by the Colorado State Patrol, 93% of DDC-Alive at 25 participants said they would change their driving behavior afterwards.
- Courts and schools nationwide use DDC-Alive at 25 in their graduated license and violator programs.

DDC-Alive at 25, 2nd edition

This highly interactive four-hour program encourages young drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 to take responsibility for their driving behavior. Skill practices and on-the-spot defensive driving techniques help change bravado to confidence.

Our DDC-Alive at 25 instructors use personal examples and even humor to get their point across. They use workbook exercises, interactive media segments, group discussions, role-playing, and short lectures to help young drivers develop convictions and strategies that will keep them safer on the road.

DDC-Alive at 25 teaches young adults that:

- People in their age group are more likely to be hurt or killed in a vehicle crash.
- Inexperience, distractions, and peer pressure cause unique driving hazards.
- Speeding, alcohol, and "party drugs" greatly increase their risk of injury or death.
- As a driver or passenger, they can greatly reduce their risk by taking control.
- Committing to changing their driving behavior makes personal, legal and financial sense.

If you want to teach DDC-Alive at 25, sign up for an instructor course in your area. The Teaching Kit contains a 12-month media lease for *Real Streets* and *Real People*.

Real Streets features three driving segments showing young drivers taking risks, being distracted, and caving in to peer pressure. *Real Streets* helps young drivers experience vicariously how careless driving puts themselves, their passengers, and other people on the road in danger.

In *Real People*, young drivers share their personal accounts of living with disabling injuries suffered in car crashes. These accounts are interspersed with compelling statistics, facts, and attention-getting questions, helping students face the fact that these tragedies can happen to them.

DDC-Alive at 25 is available in CD and DVD format in English and Spanish.

"You can learn something from these stories or you can learn it the hard way."

Real People, DDC-Alive at 25



For information on DDC-Alive at 25 classes in your area, or becoming a DDC-Alive at 25 instructor, visit our website at www.nsc.org/alive25 or call 800.621.6244 or contact your local Chapter.



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Memorandum

TO: THE HONORABLE LES DONOVAN, CHAIR
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FROM: WILLIAM W. SNEED, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
THE STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

RE: S.B. 4

DATE: MARCH 6, 2008

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee: My name is Bill Sneed and I am Legislative Counsel for the State Farm Insurance Companies. State Farm is the largest insurer of homes and automobiles in Kansas. State Farm insures one out of every three cars and one out of every four homes in the United States.

Although my client is very supportive of driver improvement clinics, we do have one concern with a particular provision found in S.B. 4. The bill, if enacted as introduced, would allow an individual who has successfully completed a driver improvement clinic to remove one moving violation from his or her driving record. Although it is understandable that the state wishes to extend some type of carrot to these individuals to encourage them to attend these types of clinics, we would suggest a different encourage as a more appropriate approach.

The best information my client has regarding a similar concept relates to the defensive driving course discount provided by current Kansas law. In order to be eligible for the 5% discount, a policyholder must complete an accident prevention course. Drivers taking the course as a result of a court order due to a violation are not eligible for the discount. Those drivers who complete the course and receive the defensive driving course discount have worse loss ratios in Kansas than drivers who do not receive the discount (70% versus 63%). These results are consistent with the results we have found in other jurisdictions.

We understand that there has been some discussion regarding allowing an individual to retain his or her driver's license on successful completion of the clinic. We believe that would be a more appropriate enticement than allowing drivers to have moving violations removed that would be inconsistent with loss experience.

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Thus, we would encourage the Committee to amend the bill by eliminating the option of removal of a moving violation.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to present testimony and would be happy to answer questions at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



William W. Sneed

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