

## CHAPTER 103

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2513  
(Amended by Chapter 215)

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; providing for the regulation of traffic; amending K.S.A. 8-1730 and 8-2115 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-2110 and repealing the existing sections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1730 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1730. (a) Every school bus, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this act:

(1) Shall be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall display to the front two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and these lights shall be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight; *and*

(2) *every new school bus put into initial service after July 1, 2007, shall be equipped with a white flashing strobe light mounted on the roof of such bus to afford optimum visibility.*

(b) Any school bus, in addition to the lights required by subsection (a), may be equipped with:

(1) Yellow signal lamps mounted near each of the four red lamps and at the same level but closer to the vertical centerline of the bus, which shall display two alternately flashing yellow lights to the front and two alternately flashing yellow lights to the rear, and these lights shall be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight. These lights shall be displayed by the school bus driver at least 200 feet, but not more than 1,000 feet, before every stop at which the alternately flashing red lights required by subsection (a) will be actuated; or

(2) head lamps which alternately flash on low beam or simultaneously flash on low beam, except such head lamps shall only be activated during daylight hours.

(c) The state board of education is authorized to adopt rules and regulations promulgating standards and specifications applicable to lighting equipment on and special warning devices to be carried by school buses consistent with the provisions of this act. Such standards and specifications shall correlate with and so far as consistent with the provisions of this act conform to the specifications then current as approved by the society of automotive engineers.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions contained in K.S.A. 8-2009a, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-2110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2110. (a) Failure to comply with a traffic citation means failure either to (1) appear before any district or municipal court in response to a traffic citation and pay in full any fine and court costs imposed or (2) otherwise comply with a traffic citation as provided in K.S.A. 8-2118, and amendments thereto. Failure to comply with a traffic citation is a misdemeanor, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was originally issued.

(b) In addition to penalties of law applicable under subsection (a), when a person fails to comply with a traffic citation, except for illegal parking, standing or stopping, the district or municipal court in which the person should have complied with the citation shall mail notice to the person that if the person does not appear in district or municipal court or pay all fines, court costs and any penalties within 30 days from the date of mailing, the division of vehicles will be notified to suspend the person's driving privileges. Upon the person's failure to comply within such 30 days, the district or municipal court shall *electronically* notify the division of vehicles. Upon receipt of a report of a failure to comply with a traffic citation under this subsection, pursuant to K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto, the division of vehicles shall notify the violator and suspend the license of the violator until satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms of the traffic citation has been furnished to the informing court. *When the court determines the person has complied with the terms of the traffic citation, the court shall immediately electronically notify the division of vehicles of such compliance.* Upon receipt of notification of such compliance from the informing court, the division of vehicles shall terminate the suspension or suspension action.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), when the district or municipal court notifies the division of vehicles of a failure to comply with a traffic citation pursuant to subsection (b), the court shall assess a reinstatement fee of \$50 for each charge on which the person failed to make satisfaction regardless of the disposition of the charge for which such citation was originally issued. Such reinstatement fee shall be in addition to any fine, district or municipal court costs and other penalties. The court shall remit all reinstatement fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit 50% of such moneys to the division of vehicles operating fund, 37.5% to the community alcoholism and intoxication programs fund created by K.S.A. 41-1126, and amendments thereto, and 12.5% to the juvenile detention facilities fund created by K.S.A. 79-4803, and amendments thereto.

(d) The district court or municipal court shall waive the reinstatement fee provided for in subsection (c), if the failure to comply with a traffic citation was the result of such person enlisting in or being drafted into the armed services of the United States, being called into service as a member of a reserve component of the military service of the United States, or volunteering for such active duty, or being called into service as a member of the state of Kansas national guard, or volunteering for such active duty, and being absent from Kansas because of such military service. In any case of a failure to comply with a traffic citation which occurred on or after August 1, 1990, and prior to the effective date of this act, in which a person was assessed and paid a reinstatement fee and the person failed to comply with a traffic citation because the person was absent from Kansas because of any such military service, the reinstatement fee shall be reimbursed to such person upon application therefor. The state treasurer and the director of accounts and reports shall prescribe procedures for all such reimbursement payments and shall create appropriate accounts, make appropriate accounting entries and issue such appropriate vouchers and warrants as may be required to make such reimbursement payments.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2115.

(a) Every municipal judge or judge of a court not of record and every clerk of a court of record shall keep a full record of every case in which a person is charged with any violation of this act or of any other law regulating the operation of vehicles on highways or for the violation of an ordinance of any city defining any offense the provisions of which are identical with provisions of this act, or fixing a limitation upon the speed of vehicles pursuant to the provisions of this act.

(b) Within 10 days after the conviction or forfeiture of bail or an appearance bond of a person upon a charge of violating any provisions of this act or other law or city ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles on highways, every judge or clerk of the court in which such conviction was had or bail or bond was forfeited shall prepare and immediately *electronically* forward to the division an abstract of the record of the court covering the case in which such person was so convicted or forfeited bail or bond. The abstract shall be ~~on a form or in a~~ *forwarded in an electronic* format approved by the division.

(c) Every court of record also shall forward a like *electronic* report to the division upon the conviction of any person of manslaughter or other felony in the commission of which a vehicle was used.

(d) The failure, refusal or neglect of any such judicial officer to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall constitute misconduct in office and shall be ground for removal therefrom.

(e) The division shall ~~keep~~ *electronically file* all abstracts received hereunder at its main office and the same shall be open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

(f) The clerk of any court of record to which a conviction for violation of any of the laws described in subsection (a) has been appealed shall ~~forward~~ *shall forward* within 10 days of the final disposition of such appeal *shall forward* a notification of such final disposition to the division *in an electronic format approved by the division*.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1730 and 8-2115 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-2110 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2007, and its publication in the statute book.

Approved April 13, 2006.

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