

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2633

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2633 pertains to the impoundment of motor vehicles. The bill provides that any person attempting to recover a motor vehicle impounded, as provided by state law or in accordance with a city ordinance or county resolution, must show proof of valid registration and ownership of the vehicle to the public agency before obtaining the vehicle. In addition, the public agency may require payment of all reasonable costs associated with the impoundment of the vehicle, including transportation and storage fees, prior to the release of the vehicle.

Background

HB 2633 was requested and supported by Ed Klumpp, Chief of Police, Topeka Police Department. Chief Klumpp testified before the House and Senate Transportation Committees. He stated that the purpose of the bill was to provide a means to address the problem of unlicensed automobiles and stolen license tags. No conferees testified against the bill at the House or Senate Committee hearings.

The House Committee amendment would provide that vehicles covered by the bill would include those impounded pursuant to a city ordinance or county resolution, as well as state law.

The Senate Committee of the Whole added the requirement that a person seeking to recover an impounded vehicle also provide proof of ownership of the vehicle.

The original fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that additional revenues could be recovered from fees collected

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for impoundment. However, there is no information available upon which to base an estimate.