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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 41

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 41 pertains to the manufacturing of motor vehicle license plates. Current law provides that each license plate must contain a combination of three letters followed by a combination of three numerals. This bill provides that once the allowable combinations of letters and numerals have been used, each plate will contain an arrangement of numerals or letters, or both, as assigned by the Secretary of Revenue. The arrangement will be uniform throughout each classification of registration. The Secretary may provide for the arrangement of the numerals and letters in groups or otherwise and for other distinguishing marks on the license plates.

Background

SB 41 was proposed and supported by the Director of Vehicles, who testified that the current statute limits license plate combinations to three letters followed by three numbers. The Director indicated that the "SAM 123" law was implemented in 1989 and allowed for approximately 17,000,000 combinations. It was noted that without the change in statute, the Division of Vehicles will run out of allowable letter/number combinations. The bill would allow the Secretary of Revenue to select appropriate license plate sequence numbers for the future production of Kansas license plates.

The Director noted that the Division of Vehicles would be able to implement these changes with modifications to its current Vehicle Information Processing System (VIPS) and to its Kansas Vehicle Inventory System (KVIS).

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

No fiscal note was available when the Senate Transportation Committee took action on the bill.