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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 412

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 412 would amend current law by permitting municipalities, at their discretion, to implement ordinances that would allow motorized toy vehicles to be legally operated in their communities on any street, highway, sidewalk, or sidewalk area. The bill would provide that the ordinances must require the motorized toy vehicles be equipped with bicycle safety flags. The bill would also include a definition for the term "motorized toy vehicle."

Background

Senator Janis Lee and representatives of the Division of Vehicles for the Kansas Department of Revenue and the Kansas Highway Patrol appeared as proponents of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill to include language requiring motorized toy vehicles be equipped with bicycle safety flags after concerns were expressed regarding the visibility of the vehicles on the roadways.

The Senate Committee of the Whole expanded the area motorized toy vehicles could be operated on to include any sidewalk or sidewalk area.

The fiscal note prepared by the Director of the Budget states that the bill would have a negligible effect on state and local revenues with an increase in fines. The fines would be treated as normal traffic fines.

*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>