



**Written Testimony on House Bill 2674  
Senate Transportation Committee**

**Prepared by  
Major Mark Bruce  
Kansas Highway Patrol**

**March 15, 2012**

The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding House Bill 2674. This bill would amend one, current and relevant statute; and repeal five others that are antiquated and unnecessary.

HB 2674 amends K.S.A. 74-2105, by removing the Superintendent's responsibility to provide budgeting, purchasing, and related management functions for the bureau of emergency medical services. The KHP has not had any responsibilities in this regard since 1988 when they were incorporated into K.S.A. 65-6101 et seq. Consequently, we have no objections to the removal of this language from our "principal function" statute.

HB 2674 also repeals the following outdated statutes:

1. K.S.A. 74-2112: *Requirement of KDOT to provide offices for the highway patrol.*
2. K.S.A. 74-2116: *Requirement that highway patrol salaries and expenses be paid on a monthly basis.*
3. K.S.A. 74-2119: *Original state statute establishing the highway patrol.*
4. K.S.A. 74-2125: *Authority to abolish the highway patrol fund.*
5. K.S.A. 74-2133: *Conveyance of a building to the city of Belle Plaine.*

Last summer, the KHP was contacted by Secretary of Administration Dennis Taylor, in his capacity as Repealer, and asked to provide a list of antiquated statutes or statutes in need of modification related to the Patrol. HB 2674 contains information provided by the KHP for this purpose and we support the provisions of this bill as written.

Again, the Patrol appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in this regard and hopes the committee will favorably consider passage of HB 2674.

#####

Senate  
Transp.  
Att: 1  
3-15-12

Landon State Office Building  
900 SW Jackson Street, Room 1031  
Topeka, KS 66612-1228



phone: 785-296-7296  
fax: 785-296-6212  
www.ksbems.org

Dennis Allin, M.D., Chair  
Steven Sutton, Executive Director

**Board of  
Emergency Medical Services**

Sam Brownback, Governor

**Testimony**

**Date:** March 13, 2012

**To:** The Honorable Senator Dwayne Umbarger  
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**From:** Steven Sutton, Executive Director *Sutton*

**RE:** HB 2674, Highway Patrol; administration

Mister Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services for HB 2674. My name is Steven Sutton, and I am the Executive Director for the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS).

KBEMS is supportive of HB 2674, which deletes language that is obsolete with the establishment of the Board of Emergency Medical Services in 1988. We would also draw to your attention, line 17 of the bill, which reads, "Officers and employees of the bureau of emergency medical services shall not wear badges and uniforms of office." This language, which also references the bureau of emergency medical services is obsolete as well and we would ask that an amendment be considered to strike this sentence.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 2674. I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Senate  
Transp.

Att: 2  
3-15-12