

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on January 29, 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Levinson, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department

Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Lightner

Representative Edmonds

Representative Tony Powell

Sheila Walker, Director, Motor Vehicle

Greta Foster, Great Bend

Others attending:

See attached sheet

Chairman Hayzlett called on Representative Tony Powell who requested introduction of a bill for a specialty plate that would read "United We Stand". Following discussion Representative Aday made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Larkin and the motion carried.

**HB 2604 - driver's licenses, expiration date**

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2604** and Representative Lightner presented testimony in support of this bill. She stated the bill simply changes the renewal for a driver's license to operate a motor vehicle for citizens who are less than 21 year old and those who are 65 years of age and older to every three years with the fees being reduced to \$6.00 versus the current \$8.00. She presented statistics and graphs to show the number of older drivers involved in fatal crashes as well as the percentage of crashes by 15 to 19 year olds. (Attachment 1) She also called attention to written testimony from John Douglass, Chief of Police, Overland Park, Kansas. (Attachment 2)

Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles, was the next to speak on **HB 2604**. She said less than one third of the total drivers in Kansas would be affected by this proposed change. By federal recommendation, Commercial Drivers' Licenses are issued on a four year renewal cycle regardless of the driver's age. She recommended amending Section 1(f) of the bill to make it clear that the CDL driver with a motorcycle endorsement stays on a four-year cycle. She concluded the bill would have minimal fiscal impact as the fees are prorated to the current annualized fees. (Attachment 3)

There were no opponents.

Following questions by the committee, Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2604**.

**HB 2648 - drivers' licenses, location of living will**

Representative Edmonds was the first presenter. He told the committee the effect of passage of **HB 2648** would be to provide a space on the back of the drivers license where the licensee could, if desired, list the physical location of their living will. (Statement 4) He then introduced Greta Foster, Great Bend, who gave testimony in support of **HB 2648**. She related to the committee the circumstances that led to her requesting this legislation be introduced. (Attachment 5)

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Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles, stated the Division of Vehicles had no objection to the addition of the statement to the license content, however, she requested the implementation of this change be postponed for one year to allow for the recommendation to be considered during upcoming contract negotiations with vendors who supply the materials for license development. (Attachment 6)

There being no other proponents, or opponents, Chairman Hayzlett opened the floor for questions and discussion. Representative Dillmore referred to testimony by Sheila Walker regarding the changes in design of the license when the new contract is negotiated and asked what would need to be changed to add the line with information of a living will and also if the Division was anticipating having to create some type of data base as to location, or content, of the living will. She will furnish the committee with this information.

Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2648**.

The minutes for the Transportation Committee meetings of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup> were presented for additions or corrections. Representative Dreher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Representative Pyle and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Room 519-S at 1:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

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