

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on March 7, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Peggy Palmer- excused
Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisors of Statutes
Maggie Breen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Ann Mah
Dave Cromwell, Board of Emergency Medical Services
Whitney Damron, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association
Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2119--Emergency medical services license plates**.

Proponents:

Representative Ann Mah said the license tag was requested by the Board of Emergency Medical Services to honor EMS professionals and to aid in recruiting. The board has worked for and reached the required number of signatures and funding for the design and production. She urged the committee's support. (Attachment 1)

Dave Cromwell, EMS Operations Manager, Board of Emergency Medical Services, said Kansas, like many other states, faces a shortage of emergency personnel. Older members are retiring and the ability to recruit and retain is lacking. Rural Kansas communities especially face these issues. In a large portion of the state, rural EMS is made up of volunteers. It's especially difficult to staff daytime shifts due to daytime obligations. Legislation like **HB 2119** attempts to address the issue of recruitment and retention. Continued support from the legislature, budget submission, and KBEMS grants to local services has provided the agency with the tools to aid and support EMS services, through technical support, training, and educational funding. The passage of this bill would help demonstrate support and acknowledgment from the state. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2119** and opened the hearing on **HB 2373--Certificates of title, second liens**.

Proponents:

Whitney Damron, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, explained that current law allows up to two liens on each certificate of title. **HB 2373** limits the number of liens on a motor vehicle certificate of title to one. The need for the legislation has come about because we have a paperless title system in Kansas. Prior to the adoption of that system, any lien had to be physically noted on the back of the title. That's no longer the case. There is a window of opportunity where there can be a second lien that is not apparent at the time of a trade in or sale but shows up a few days later. He presented a technical amendment suggested by the revisor. On page 5, line 31, where it refers to the term "it". Bruce Kinzie, on the House side, said revisors don't like to use the word it and suggested it be changed to "that such person." He also said that KBA has an amendment which they supports. (Attachment 3)

Senator Journey said it sounded like a serious issue and asked Mr. Damron if he would be opposed to change the effective date to upon appearance in the Kansas Register. Mr. Damron said he would't oppose it but would defer to the Department of Revenue to see if it would put undue pressure on them. The Department of Revenue said it wouldn't be a problem.

Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association, said they are in support of the bill. They learned, after the House

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hearing, that they do have owners of larger more costly vehicles, like the semi- tractor trailers, that build up equity in the vehicle and do have a need to use them to secure loans for their businesses. She included an amendment to exclude vehicles weighing over 26,000 pounds from the one lien limitation with her testimony. KBA is very appreciative of the language on page 5 dealing with refinancing. A lot of times their lenders will put the paperwork in for refinancing before the person has released the first lien so it might look like a second lien. The language will allow lenders to continue to conduct business as usual. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Donovan said the committee would take action on some bills.

HB 2373--Certificates of title, second liens.

Senator Wilson made a motion to adopt the amendment to change the definition of "it" on page 31, line 5 of HB 2373. Seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Senator Petersen made a motion to adopt the amendment presented by KBA to exclude the larger vehicles. Seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Senator Journey made a motion to amend the bill to make it effective upon entry in the Kansas Register. Seconded by Senator Petersen. The motion carried.

Senator Wilson made a motion to move HB 2373 out favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried. Senator Wilson will carry the bill.

HB 2119--Emergency medical services license plates .

Senator Schmidt made a motion to move HB 2119 out favorably and it be put on the consent calendar. Seconded by Senator Schmidt, The motion carried.

Sub for HB 2042-Drivers' licenses, 21 year olds, renewals.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass Sub for HB 2042 out favorably, seconded by Senator Wilson. The motion carried.

HB 2374--Division of vehicles, records, access.

Senator Journey made a motion to move HB 2374 out favorably, seconded by Senator Wilson. The motion carried. Senator Petersen will carry the bill.

The minutes for February 15, February 20, and February 21 were presented to the committee.

Senator Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Senator Gilstrap. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th.