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Legislative Testimony

TO: Representative Richard Proehl
Chairman, House Transportation Committee

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RE: House Bill 2311

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to stand before you in support of HB2311. I am Donna Shelite and I serve as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue.

Last fall, the department hosted the Governor's DMV task force, and one of the key recommendations was for the state to increase the late penalty for late title/registration applications and for late registration renewal. HB 2311 will increase the late penalty from the current charge of \$1 per month to \$10 per month and sets a maximum total late penalty of \$50. It also allows the penalty to be waived when the requirements set forth in K.S.A. 8-143(d), and amendments thereto, have been met, or for active duty military members serving outside Kansas when the registration expired and the vehicle was not operated on any public roadway until making application for renewal. This bill would also increase the late penalty for making application for a nonhighway title, salvage titles as well as prorated registration renewals from \$2 to \$10 per month for a maximum of \$50. An estimated 212,000 late applications are made each year, it is the objective of this bill to reduce the number of late applications for title and registration as well as late registration renewal.

The division had research conducted to determine when the current penalty amounts were established by statute. The \$1 per month late registration and/or late renewal penalty was implemented in 1955. The \$2 late title application penalty was implemented in 1959. Both these penalties are well over 50 years old. Our research also included looking at surrounding states and their penalty fees. We found Missouri charges \$25/month for late fees not to exceed a total of \$200, while Colorado charges \$25/month not to exceed a total of \$100. The DMV Task Force identified both of these penalties as needing to be adjusted.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this bill and I stand for questions.