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Greetings Chairman Petersen and the members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

Thank you for taking the time to hear SB136 today on placing a "Veteran" designation on the Kansas drivers' license. This is an important issue to the veterans of our state.

In the time since last session, I have had numerous requests by veterans to allow them to place the designation of "Veteran" on their drivers' licenses. These are requests by veterans who have served their country but did not actually retire so they do not have a retirement identification card; and they do not receive medical services from the Veterans Administration so they do not have a VA identification card. They simply want a way to show that they are a veteran without having to carry their discharge paperwork with them.

In addition, the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs (KCVA) has requested this bill at least every year that I have been in the legislature. The KCVA is always looking for ways to identify our Kansas veterans, so they would like the drivers' license agency to share the list of those who request a "veteran" designation with them. This would assist the KCVA in their mission to assist every Kansas veteran in receiving the services that they earned by serving their country.

When you work SB136, I request that you take the following information into consideration:

HB2309 would accomplish both these requests and is very similar to SB136. There are two differences:

1. The veterans that have contacted me would like their "Veteran" designation to be visible on their card, rather than in the magnetic strip or hologram, and
2. There is a section that directs the sharing of information with the KCVA.

In addition, the House Veteran, Military & Homeland Security Committee met with the Department of Revenue several times to discuss the format of the new drivers' licenses and where the designation could be on the card. DOR has indicated that placing the designation in the hologram would be much more expensive than just entering it into one of the existing data fields on the card.

I have attached a copy of HB2309 for your information and consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Melanie Meier

Encl:

Copy of HB2309

**HOUSE BILL No. 2309**

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to driver's licenses and nondriver  
2 identification cards; authorizing the director of vehicles to provide  
3 information to certain requesting parties; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp.  
4 8-243, 8-1324 and 74-2012 and repealing the existing sections.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall  
9 issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the  
10 driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the  
11 class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive, a  
12 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, date of  
13 birth, gender, address of principal residence and a brief description of the  
14 licensee, a colored digital photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the  
15 signature of the licensee and the statement provided for in subsection (b).  
16 No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee.  
17 All drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 years shall be  
18 readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 21 years or  
19 older. In addition, all drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 18  
20 years shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons  
21 age 18 years or older. The secretary of revenue shall implement a vertical  
22 format to make drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 more  
23 readily distinguishable. Except as otherwise provided, no driver's license  
24 issued by the division shall be valid until a colored digital photograph of  
25 such licensee has been taken and verified before being placed on the  
26 driver's license. The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more  
27 than \$8 and upon the payment of such fee, the division shall cause a  
28 colored digital photograph of such applicant to be placed on the driver's  
29 license. Upon payment of such fee prescribed by the secretary of revenue,  
30 plus payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments  
31 thereto, for issuance of a new license, the division shall issue to such  
32 licensee a new license containing a colored digital photograph of such  
33 licensee. A driver's license which does not contain the principal address as  
34 required may be issued to persons who are program participants pursuant  
35 to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-455, and amendments thereto, upon payment of  
36 the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto. All Kansas

1 drivers' licenses and identification cards shall have physical security  
2 features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication of the  
3 document for fraudulent purposes. The secretary of revenue shall  
4 incorporate common machine-readable technology into all Kansas drivers'  
5 licenses and identification cards.

6 (b) All Kansas drivers' licenses issued to any person 16 years of age  
7 or older shall contain a form which provides a statement for making a gift  
8 of all or any part of the body of the licensee in accordance with the revised  
9 uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-3220 through 65-3244,  
10 and amendments thereto, except as otherwise provided by this subsection.  
11 The statement to be effective shall be signed by the licensee in the  
12 presence of two witnesses who shall sign the statement in the presence of  
13 the donor. The gift becomes effective upon the death of the donor.  
14 Delivery of the license during the donor's lifetime is not necessary to make  
15 a valid gift. Any valid gift statement executed prior to July 1, 1994, shall  
16 remain effective until invalidated. The word "Donor" shall be placed on  
17 the front of a licensee's driver's license, indicating that the statement for  
18 making an anatomical gift under this subsection has been executed by such  
19 licensee.

20 (c) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the  
21 division issue to such person a driver's license which is readily  
22 distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to other drivers and upon such  
23 request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to  
24 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall  
25 be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are  
26 deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older. Upon satisfaction of  
27 subsection (a), the division shall issue a receipt of application permitting  
28 the operation of a vehicle consistent with the requested class, if there are  
29 no other restrictions or limitations, pending the division's verification of  
30 the information and production of a driver's license.

31 (d) A driver's license issued to a person required to be registered  
32 under K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be assigned a  
33 distinguishing number by the division which will readily indicate to law  
34 enforcement officers that such person is a registered offender. The division  
35 shall develop a numbering system to implement the provisions of this  
36 subsection.

37 (e) (1) *Any person who is a veteran may request that the division*  
38 *issue to such person a driver's license which shall include the designation*  
39 *"VETERAN" on the face of the driver's license. In order to receive a*  
40 *license described in this subsection, the veteran must provide proof of the*  
41 *veteran's military service and honorable discharge including a copy of the*  
42 *veteran's DD214 form.*

43 (2) *As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who:*



- 1       (A) *Has served in: The army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast*  
2 *guard, air or army national guard or any branch of the military reserves*  
3 *of the United States; and*
- 4       (B) *has been separated from the branch of service in which the*  
5 *person served with an honorable discharge.*
- 6       (3) *The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations*  
7 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.*
- 8       Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 8-1324 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 8-1324. (a) Any resident who does not hold a current valid Kansas  
10 driver's license may make application to the division of vehicles and be  
11 issued one identification card.
- 12       (b) For the purpose of obtaining an identification card, an applicant  
13 shall submit, with the application, proof of age, proof of identity and proof  
14 of lawful presence. An applicant shall submit with the application a photo  
15 identity document, except that a non-photo identity document is acceptable  
16 if it includes both the applicant's full legal name and date of birth, and  
17 documentation showing the applicant's name, the applicant's address of  
18 principal residence and the applicant's social security account number. The  
19 applicant's social security number shall remain confidential and shall not  
20 be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2012, and  
21 amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security  
22 number, the applicant shall provide proof of lawful presence and Kansas  
23 residency. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the  
24 identification card. Before issuing an identification card to a person, the  
25 division shall make reasonable efforts to verify with the issuing agency the  
26 issuance, validity and completeness of each document required to be  
27 presented by the applicant to prove age, identity and lawful presence.
- 28       (c) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person  
29 who fails to provide proof that the person is lawfully present in the United  
30 States. If an applicant provides evidence of lawful presence as set out in  
31 subsections (b)(2)(E) through (2)(I) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments  
32 thereto, or is an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under  
33 subsection (b)(2)(B) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto, the  
34 division may only issue a temporary identification card to the person under  
35 the following conditions: (A) A temporary identification card issued  
36 pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid only during the period of time  
37 of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no  
38 definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year; (B) a  
39 temporary identification card issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall  
40 clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the date upon which it  
41 expires; (C) no temporary identification card issued pursuant to this  
42 subparagraph shall be for a longer period of time than the time period  
43 permitted by K.S.A. 8-1325, and amendments thereto; and (D) a

1 temporary identification card issued pursuant to this subparagraph may be  
2 renewed, subject at the time of renewal, to the same requirements and  
3 conditions set forth in this subsection (c) for the issuance of the original  
4 temporary identification card.

5 (d) The division shall not issue an identification card to any person  
6 who holds a current valid Kansas driver's license unless such driver's  
7 license has been physically surrendered pursuant to the provisions of  
8 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1002, and amendments thereto.

9 (e) The division shall refuse to issue an identification card to a person  
10 holding a driver's license or identification card issued by another state  
11 without confirmation that the person is terminating or has terminated the  
12 license or identification card.

13 (f) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 years of age shall  
14 sign the application for an identification card submitted by such applicant.

15 (g) (1) The division shall require payment of a fee of \$14 at the time  
16 application for an identification card is made, except that persons who are  
17 65 or more years of age or who are handicapped, as defined in K.S.A. 8-  
18 1,124, and amendments thereto, shall be required to pay a fee of only \$10.  
19 In addition to the fees prescribed by this subsection, the division shall  
20 require payment of the photo fee established pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243, and  
21 amendments thereto, for the cost of the photograph to be placed on the  
22 identification card.

23 (2) The division shall not require or accept payment of application or  
24 photo fees under this subsection for any person 17 years of age or older for  
25 purposes of meeting the voter identification requirements of K.S.A. 25-  
26 2908, and amendments thereto. Such person shall:

27 (A) Swear under oath that such person desires an identification card  
28 in order to vote in an election in Kansas and that such person does not  
29 possess any of the forms of identification acceptable under K.S.A. 25-  
30 2908, and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the  
31 acceptable forms of identification under K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments  
32 thereto; and

33 (B) produce evidence that such person is registered to vote in  
34 Kansas.

35 (3) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations in order  
36 to implement the provisions of paragraph (2).

37 (h) All Kansas identification cards shall have physical security  
38 features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication for  
39 fraudulent purposes.

40 (i) For the purposes of K.S.A. 8-1324 through 8-1328, and  
41 amendments thereto, a person shall be deemed to be a resident of the state  
42 if:

43 (1) The person owns, leases or rents a place of domicile in this state;

- 1 (2) the person engages in a trade, business or profession in this state;  
2 (3) the person is registered to vote in this state;  
3 (4) the person enrolls the person's child in a school in this state; or  
4 (5) the person registers the person's motor vehicle in this state.  
5 (j) The division shall require that any person applying for an  
6 identification card submit to a mandatory facial image capture.  
7 (k) (1) *Any person who is a veteran may request that the division*  
8 *issue to such person a nondriver identification card which shall include*  
9 *the designation "VETERAN" on the face of the nondriver identification*  
10 *card. In order to receive a nondriver identification card described in this*  
11 *subsection, the veteran must provide proof of the veteran's military service*  
12 *and honorable discharge including a copy of the veteran's DD214 form.*  
13 (2) *As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who:*  
14 (A) *Has served in: The army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast*  
15 *guard, air or army national guard or any branch of the military reserves*  
16 *of the United States; and*  
17 (B) *has been separated from the branch of service in which the*  
18 *person served with an honorable discharge.*  
19 (3) *The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations*  
20 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.*  
21 ~~(l)~~ The director of vehicles may issue a temporary identification  
22 card to an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as  
23 defined by subsection (c), if the applicant provides compelling evidence  
24 proving current lawful presence. Any temporary identification card issued  
25 pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid for one year.  
26 ~~(m)~~ Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to  
27 every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act an identification  
28 card. Such identification card shall bear a distinguishing number assigned  
29 to the cardholder, the full legal name, date of birth, address of principal  
30 residence, a brief description of the cardholder, a colored digital  
31 photograph of the cardholder, and a facsimile of the signature of the  
32 cardholder. An identification card which does not contain the address of  
33 principal residence of the cardholder as required may be issued to persons  
34 who are program participants pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-455, and  
35 amendments thereto.  
36 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-2012 is hereby amended to read as  
37 follows: 74-2012. (a) (1) All motor vehicle records shall be subject to the  
38 provisions of the open records act, except as otherwise provided under the  
39 provisions of this section and by K.S.A. 74-2022, and amendments thereto.  
40 (2) For the purpose of this section, "motor vehicle records" means  
41 any record that pertains to a motor vehicle drivers license, motor vehicle  
42 certificate of title, motor vehicle registration or identification card issued  
43 by the division of vehicles.

1 (b) All motor vehicle records which relate to the physical or mental  
2 condition of any person, have been expunged or are photographs or digital  
3 images maintained in connection with the issuance of drivers' licenses  
4 shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with a  
5 proper judicial order or as otherwise more specifically provided in this  
6 section or by other law. Photographs or digital images maintained by the  
7 division of vehicles in connection with the issuance of drivers' licenses  
8 may be disclosed to any federal, state or local agency, including any court  
9 or law enforcement agency, to assist such agency in carrying out the  
10 functions required of such governmental agency. In January of each year  
11 the division shall report to the house committee on veterans, military and  
12 homeland security regarding the utilization of the provisions of this  
13 subsection. Motor vehicle records relating to diversion agreements for the  
14 purposes of K.S.A. 8-1567, 12-4415 and 22-2908 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp.  
15 8-1025, and amendments thereto, shall be confidential and shall not be  
16 disclosed except in accordance with a proper judicial order or by direct  
17 computer access to:

18 (1) A city, county or district attorney, for the purpose of determining a  
19 person's eligibility for diversion or to determine the proper charge for a  
20 violation of K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567 or K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 8-1025, and  
21 amendments thereto, or any ordinance of a city or resolution of a county in  
22 this state which prohibits any acts prohibited by those statutes;

23 (2) a municipal or district court, for the purpose of using the record in  
24 connection with any matter before the court;

25 (3) a law enforcement agency, for the purpose of supplying the record  
26 to a person authorized to obtain it under paragraph (1) or (2) of this  
27 subsection; or

28 (4) an employer when a person is required to retain a commercial  
29 driver's license due to the nature of such person's employment.

30 (c) Lists of persons' names and addresses contained in or derived  
31 from motor vehicle records shall not be sold, given or received for the  
32 purposes prohibited by K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 45-230, and amendments  
33 thereto, except that:

34 (1) The director of vehicles may provide to a requesting party, and a  
35 requesting party may receive, such a list and accompanying information  
36 from motor vehicle records upon written certification that the requesting  
37 party shall use the list solely for the purpose of:

38 (A) Assisting manufacturers of motor vehicles in compiling statistical  
39 reports or in notifying owners of vehicles believed to:

40 (i) Have safety-related defects;

41 (ii) fail to comply with emission standards; or

42 (iii) have any defect to be remedied at the expense of the  
43 manufacturer;



- 1 (B) assisting an insurer authorized to do business in this state, or the  
2 insurer's authorized agent:
- 3 (i) In processing an application for, or renewal or cancellation of, a  
4 motor vehicle liability insurance policy; or
- 5 (ii) in conducting antifraud activities by identifying potential  
6 undisclosed drivers of a motor vehicle currently insured by an insurer  
7 licensed to do business in this state by providing only the following  
8 information: drivers license number, license type, date of birth, name,  
9 address, issue date and expiration date;
- 10 (C) assisting the selective service system in the maintenance of a list  
11 of persons 18 to 26 years of age in this state as required under the  
12 provisions of section 3 of the federal military selective service act;
- 13 (D) assisting any federal, state or local agency, including any court or  
14 law enforcement agency, or any private person acting on behalf of such  
15 agencies in carrying out the functions required of such governmental  
16 agency, except that such records shall not be redisclosed;
- 17 (E) assisting businesses with the verification or reporting of  
18 information derived from the title and registration records of the division  
19 to prepare and assemble vehicle history reports, except that such vehicle  
20 history reports shall not include the names or addresses of any current or  
21 previous owners;
- 22 (F) assisting businesses in producing motor vehicle title or motor  
23 vehicle registration, or both, statistical reports, so long as personal  
24 information is not published, redisclosed or used to contact individuals; or
- 25 (G) assisting an employer or an employer's authorized agent in  
26 monitoring the driving record of the employees required to drive in the  
27 course of employment to ensure driver behavior, performance or safety; or
- 28 *(H) assisting the Kansas commission on veterans affairs in notifying*  
29 *veterans of the facilities, benefits and services available to veterans.* \*
- 30 (2) Any law enforcement agency of this state which has access to  
31 motor vehicle records may furnish to a requesting party, and a requesting  
32 party may receive, such a list and accompanying information from such  
33 records upon written certification that the requesting party shall use the list  
34 solely for the purpose of assisting an insurer authorized to do business in  
35 this state, or the insurer's authorized agent, in processing an application  
36 for, or renewal or cancellation of, a motor vehicle liability insurance  
37 policy.
- 38 (d) If a law enforcement agency of this state furnishes information to  
39 a requesting party pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (c), the law  
40 enforcement agency shall charge the fee prescribed by the secretary of  
41 revenue pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2022, and amendments thereto, for any  
42 copies furnished and may charge an additional fee to be retained by the  
43 law enforcement agency to cover its cost of providing such copies. The fee

1 prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2022, and amendments thereto, shall be  
2 paid monthly to the secretary of revenue and upon receipt thereof shall be  
3 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the electronic databases fee  
4 fund, except for the \$1 of the fee for each record required to be credited to  
5 the highway patrol training center fund under subsection (f).

6 (e) The secretary of revenue, the secretary's agents or employees, the  
7 director of vehicles or the director's agents or employees shall not be liable  
8 for damages caused by any negligent or wrongful act or omission of a law  
9 enforcement agency in furnishing any information obtained from motor  
10 vehicle records.

11 (f) A fee in an amount fixed by the secretary of revenue pursuant to  
12 K.S.A. 74-2022, and amendments thereto, of not less than \$2 for each full  
13 or partial motor vehicle record shall be charged by the division, except that  
14 the director may charge a lesser fee pursuant to a contract between the  
15 secretary of revenue and any person to whom the director is authorized to  
16 furnish information under paragraph (1) of subsection (c), and such fee  
17 shall not be less than the cost of production or reproduction of any full or  
18 partial motor vehicle record requested. Except for the fees charged  
19 pursuant to a contract for motor vehicle records authorized by this  
20 subsection pertaining to motor vehicle titles or motor vehicle registrations  
21 or pursuant to subsection (c)(1)(B)(ii) or (c)(1)(D), \$1 shall be credited to  
22 the highway patrol training center fund for each motor vehicle record  
23 provided by the division of vehicles.

24 (g) The secretary of revenue may adopt such rules and regulations as  
25 are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

26 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 8-243, 8-1324 and 74-2012 are hereby  
27 repealed.

28 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
29 publication in the statute book.