

## **Driving Under the Influence—Removing Sunset Date for Ignition Interlock for First Offense; Failure to Comply With a Traffic Citation—Restricted License; HB 2479**

**HB 2479** revises administrative restrictions applicable to driving under the influence (DUI) and related offenses to remove the July 1, 2015, sunset date for a provision requiring the use of a breath alcohol ignition interlock device after the first test failure or conviction.

The bill also amends the statute governing failure to comply with a traffic citation to allow an individual whose driver's license expires while that license has been suspended for failure to pay fines for traffic citations to apply for a restricted license. The bill requires the applicant to pay a \$25 application fee and to meet the following conditions:

- The suspended expired license was issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles;
- The suspension must have resulted from a failure to comply with a traffic citation;
- The traffic citation was issued in Kansas; and
- The driver has not previously had a suspension stayed due to being convicted of driving with a suspended license.

(Note: The bill also appears to extend until July 1, 2015, the authorization for the Supreme Court to impose an additional charge of up to \$22 to fund the costs of non-judicial personnel whenever a district or municipal court assesses a reinstatement fee for failure to comply with a traffic citation. This provision was passed in 2013 HB 2204 and is included here for conflict cleanup purposes.)