

SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2133

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2133 would allow a veteran to have "VETERAN" printed on a state-issued driver's license or non-driver identification card. The bill would define "veteran" as someone who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Air or Army National Guard, or any branch of the military reserves of the United States and was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable conditions. The bill would require that a veteran provide proof of military service and discharge by presenting a form DD214 or an equivalent form.

The bill would take effect July 1, 2014.

Background

The bill was requested by Representative Goico, who testified Kansas is one of ten states that do not have such a designation available and the designation on a veteran's driver's license or state-issued identification card would be an efficient way for a veteran to be identified for business discounts, certain services, and other purposes. Proponent testimony also was received from the president of the Military Officers Association of America, Kaw Valley Chapter, and from a representative of the Kansas Veterans Initiative. The Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, offered neutral testimony and suggested removing the requirement to place the designation in the hologram on the back of a driver's

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

license or state-issued identification card. No opponent testimony was presented at the House Committee hearing.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to remove a requirement directing the designation be in a hologram on the back of the driver's license or ID card, to change the effective date (which the Committee was told by representatives of the Division of Vehicles would lower costs), to make eligible someone who received a general discharge under honorable conditions in addition to someone who received an honorable discharge, and to allow equivalent documents in addition to the DD214 as proof of eligibility.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill states passage of the bill would increase expenditures by \$94,630. According to testimony from the Division of Vehicles, amendments made to the bill by the House Committee would reduce these costs. The estimated costs are not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.