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MEMORANDUM

To:

House committee on Appropriations

From:

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor

Date:

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Subject:

House Bill 2503

House bill number 2503 does three things. First, it creates a fund for the Kansas highway patrol. Second, it changes the way the vehicle modernization surcharge is allocated. Finally, it credits \$2 of each vehicle modernization surcharge to the Kansas highway patrol staffing and training fund.

Section 1 creates the Kansas highway patrol staffing and training fund which is to be used for increasing employment and retaining personnel at the Kansas highway patrol.

Section 2 deals with the vehicle modernization surcharge. Kansas statute currently imposes a vehicle modernization surcharge of \$4 per vehicle registered. K.S.A. 75-5160. House bill 2503 changes how this money disbursed by amending K.S.A. 8-145 to end the transfer of this money to the State highway fund and directing \$2 of the vehicle modernization surcharge to be credited to the Kansas highway patrol staffing and training fund. The other \$2 of the \$4 collected per registration is unallocated in the bill.

Finally, it is important to point out that part of the vehicle modernization surcharge was allocated in the budget bill. Last year's budget bill (SB 112, Section 89) requires that up to \$1,000,000 will be transferred to each of the following funds: the digital imaging program fund of the department of administration, the criminal justice information system line fund of the attorney general — Kansas bureau of investigation and the division of vehicles modernization fund of the department of revenue.

The effective date of this bill is upon publication in the statute book.