

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Petersen at 8:30 am on Wednesday, March 09, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Anthony Hensley – Excused

Committee staff present:
Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department
Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Carolyn Long, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Michele Chavez, Driver's License Supervisor
Brian Thompson, ABATE

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Petersen opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from February 11, 2016, and February 16, 2016. Moved by Senator Pettey, seconded by Senator Fitzgerald that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Hearing on: HB2563 — Application fee for restricted motorized bicycle driver's license.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2563** and called on Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes to explain the bill. Mr. Siebers said this bill would require a non-refundable \$50 application fee for driver's license that would authorize its holder to operate only a motorized bicycle. A motorized vehicle, as described in statute, cannot go over 30 mph and has a cylinder capacity of not more than 130 cubic centimeters. A valid drivers license covers operation of a moped.

Michele Chavez, Driver's License Supervisor, appearing for Jessica Ross, said that the requested fee would go to the Division of Vehicles Operating Fund to help offset increasing administrative costs. The original purpose for the Restricted Motorized Bicycle license was to allow those with DUI-only related offense(s) to obtain moped licenses for the purpose of transportation to and from work. In 2012, the statute was amended to include non-DUI related offense(s). To reflect the extensive driving record review by division staff, the requested fee would assist with administrative costs and provide resources that could be used to increase the awareness of this type of license ([Attachment 1](#)).

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Senator Schmidt asked for clarification of the current practice regarding modification of licenses, to add specific restrictions. Lacey Black, Division of Vehicles, indicated there were two applications currently being used; one for unpaid tickets for which the application fee is \$25, and the other for a restricted license after suspension of a license due to a DUI with a current charge of \$100.00. Currently for a DUI the process is handled over the phone and the Division would like to change it to an application process as the research to determine eligibility can become complex and the time spent on the phone with the client can cause numbers of other customers to wait for information. In 2014, the Division approved 82 applications for a moped license. It was noted the moped license is an alternative to an ignition interlock device, which can cost \$60-\$100 a month. The marketing would focus on providing information as to the process of obtaining a license for alternative transportation. The Division of Vehicles was asked to provide the Committee with the division of funds for marketing and for administration if the fee were to be added.

There being no further testimony, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2563**.

Hearing on: HB2436 — Allowing persons to take motorcycle license driving exam on a 3-wheeled motorcycle and restricting such licenses.

Chairman Petersen asked Mr. Siebers to explain **HB 2436**. Mr. Siebers stated that the bill would allow an individual to take a driving examination for a three-wheeled motorcycle and to have a restriction placed on the applicant's license that would limit the applicant to operate only a three-wheeled motorcycle.

Brian Thompson, ABATE, said passage of this bill would allow young and old alike the opportunity to obtain a modified motorcycle license. Physical restrictions nor age would be a deterrent to being able to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle([Attachment 2](#)) .

Kent Self, Division of Vehicles, indicated that the driver's license would need to be modified to place a modification near the "M" on a motorcycle license and that would entail a one-time fee to the Division's card vendor.

Written testimony in favor of **HB 2436** was submitted by Speaker of the House Ray Merrick ([Attachment 3](#)), and Sarah Anderson, ABATE ([Attachment 4](#)).

There being no further testimony, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2436**.

On a point of personal privilege, Senator Schmidt introduced her two "shadows" for the day, James Schneider and Kaitlyn Shima, students in the gifted program at Jardine Middle School, who are participating in the Civics in Action Program.

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Possible action on bills previously heard

There being no final action, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016.

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