

Commercial Driver's License Driving Test Fee; Use of Vehicle Registration Receipt; HB 2013

HB 2013 creates a commercial driver's license (CDL) driving test fee and allows use of a receipt to prove timely vehicle registration under certain circumstances.

CDL Driving Test Fee

The bill establishes a \$15 driving test fee for the drive test portion of the CDL application. It also establishes an additional \$10 fee if a CDL applicant failed and must retake the pre-trip, skills test, or road test portion of the driving test.

The new fees will be remitted to a Commercial Driver's License Drive Test Fee Fund (Fund) created by the bill. The bill requires moneys credited to that Fund to be used by the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) only for funding the administration and operation of the CDL drive test, including software and equipment maintenance, software enhancement, equipment purchase, acquisition and maintenance of one or more test tracks or courses for conducting a driving test, training, and marketing associated with CDL issuance. Expenditures will be made in accordance with appropriation acts. The bill states moneys credited to the Fund shall be used to supplement existing appropriations and shall not be used to supplant State General Fund or other special revenue fund appropriations to the KDOR.

Receipt as Proof of Vehicle Registration

The bill amends motor vehicle registration law to allow a person to provide proof of current private passenger vehicle registration using a receipt in lieu of a decal on the license plate, for no more than ten days following expiration of registration. The required receipt will be a printed payment receipt or an electronic payment receipt from an online electronic payment processing system. Any charge for failing to display a registration decal up to and including the tenth day following expiration of registration will be dismissed if the person produces a registration receipt for the current 12-month registration period in court. The bill specifies the provisions above also apply to a truck that can be registered using the online system (generally, a truck of not more than 12,000 pounds registered as a private rather than a commercial vehicle). The provisions do not apply to proof of registration of any vehicle registered as a commercial motor vehicle or as part of a commercial motor vehicle fleet.