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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2599

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2599, as amended, would authorize Special Olympics and Choose Life license plates for issuance on and after January 1, 2019.

Special Olympics License Plate

The bill would authorize a Special Olympics license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill would allow any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the organization, Special Olympics Kansas. Royalties would be deposited into the Special Olympics Kansas Royalty Fund, which the bill would create. Payments from the Special Olympics Kansas Royalty Fund would be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of Special Olympics Kansas. Special Olympics Kansas would pay initial costs and work with the Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, to design the plate.

Choose Life License Plate

The bill would authorize a Choose Life license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less,

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a motorcycle, or a travel trailer. No logo use royalty fee would be associated with this license plate. Provisions requiring a sponsoring organization to pay a nonrefundable amount to defray the Division of Vehicles' costs to develop a new license plate would not apply, but the Division of Vehicles would delay the manufacturing and issuance of this license plate until the Division has received at least 1,000 orders for such plate.

Background

The amended bill includes provisions of HB 2599, as introduced, and HB 2678.

HB 2599 (Special Olympics)

The House Committee on Transportation introduced the bill at the request of Representative Schreiber on behalf of the Special Olympics. In the House Committee hearing, a representative of Special Olympics Kansas, Inc., provided proponent testimony on the bill and described the activities of the organization. A Special Olympics athlete also provided proponent testimony. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add the provisions of HB 2678.

HB 2678 (Choose Life)

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Jacobs. In the House Committee hearing, Representative Jacobs, Senator Hilderbrand, and representatives of Concerned Women for America of Kansas and Family Policy Alliance of Kansas testified as proponents. Written-only proponent testimony was received from Representative Burris, a representative of the Kansas Catholic Conference, and

multiple private citizens. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

Fiscal Effects

Under continuing law, each of these distinctive license plates would be subject to the personalized license plate fee of \$40 (KSA 2017 Supp. 8-1,141(a)).

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2599, as introduced, the Department of Revenue (Department) indicates Special Olympics license plates could generate \$19,625 to be deposited into the State Highway Fund (SHF) with an initial issuance of 500 license plates. The Department estimates costs for creating the plates at \$4,405. Special Olympics Kansas, Inc., would be responsible for paying up to \$20,000 in initial production costs. Production of the plates would not begin until the Department has a list of at least 500 initial customers.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2678, the Department indicates Choose Life license plates could generate \$39,250 to be deposited into the SHF with an initial issuance of 1,000 license plates. The Department estimates costs for creating the plates at \$7,980. Because the Choose Life license plate does not have an organizational sponsor, the Department indicates it could create a pre-order process internally, but this cost could not be estimated. Production of the plates would not begin until the Department has a list of at least 1,000 initial customers.

Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2599, as introduced, or HB 2678 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.