

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2371

As Amended by House Committee on Taxation

Brief*

HB 2371, as amended, would change the permit fee structure for oversize and overweight vehicles beginning January 1, 2020, as follows:

- \$40 per single-trip permit;
- \$250 per single-trip permit for a large structure (as defined by rules and regulations);
- \$250 per single-trip permit for superloads (as defined by rules and regulations);
- \$25 per five-year permit for vehicles authorized to move bales of hay on non-interstate highways (as defined in current law);
- \$200 per annual permit; and
- \$2,000 per year per qualified carrier company for special vehicle combination permits (as defined in current law) plus \$50 per power unit operating under such annual permit.

The bill would also require, beginning January 1, 2020, the annual registration with the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) of any company operating an escort vehicle service. The bill would require such registration to include:

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- The name and address of the agent for service of process;
- Proof of insurance for each vehicle operated in the state;
- Proof of each escort vehicle driver's valid operator's license issued by a state or territory of the United States;
- Proof that each escort vehicle driver has successfully completed an escort vehicle training course approved by the Secretary; and
- Other information as required by the Secretary.

The bill would authorize the Secretary to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue a registration upon any violation of the registration requirements.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation on February 13, 2019, at the request of Representative Proehl on behalf of the Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force.

In the House Committee hearing on March 14, 2019, Representative Proehl testified as a proponent. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the American Council of Engineering, Ash Gove Cement Company, and Economic Lifelines. Neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Department of Transportation and Kansas Grain and Feed Association. Opponent testimony was provided by the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association.

On March 21, 2019, the House Committee amended the bill to change the date the new oversize and overweight permit fees become effective to January 1, 2020. The House Committee also amended the bill to include provisions relating to registration of escort vehicles in Kansas. Finally, the House Committee amended the bill by changing certain oversize and overweight permit fees. The original opponents of the bill (the Kansas Motor Carriers Association and the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association) changed to proponents of the bill with the adopted amendments.

The House Committee recommended the bill, as amended, favorably for passage.

A fiscal note on the bill, as amended, was not available at the time the House Committee took action on the bill.