

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 326

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 326 would extend age-related eligibility for electronic online renewal of a driver's license from ages 21 through 49 to ages 21 through 64.

Background

The bill was requested by the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR).

In the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing, the Driver Services Manager, Division of Vehicles (Division), KDOR, provided proponent testimony. He stated the bill would align with a continuing requirement to require an individual age 65 or older to renew every 4 years, rather than every 6 years as for those ages 21 through 64.

A representative of the Kansas Optometric Association provided written-only neutral testimony. He noted vision standards in current law and requirements for eye examinations, and he stated the organization continues to encourage the Division to develop protocols so that those with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes or glaucoma, are not allowed to renew online.

Continuing law states the determination on whether an electronic online renewal application is permitted shall be made by the Director of Vehicles or the Director's designee.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Continuing law requires a driver's license renewed online to be renewed in person upon the subsequent renewal. It also requires certification that an applicant's vision satisfies statutory requirements and the applicant has undergone an examination of eyesight by a licensed ophthalmologist or a licensed optometrist within the preceding year; the applicant must authorize the exchange of vision and medical information between the Division and the applicant's ophthalmologist or optometrist.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOR estimates the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenue and would require \$3,500, all from the State General Fund, for FY 2021 to implement the bill and to modify the driver's licensing system. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.