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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 342

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 342, as amended, would authorize the Division of Vehicles (Division), Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), to send a notice of driver's license expiration or renewal application electronically to the holder of a driver's license if authorized by the person, at an electronic mail address provided to the Division. Under continuing law and without such authorization, the notice would be mailed. The bill would specify a license holder could revoke authorization to send the notice electronically at any time and would require the Division to mail subsequent notices to that license holder.

The bill would make technical changes, including removing a requirement for a report in 2012.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of the Division.

The Division's Driver Services Manager provided proponent testimony in the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing. He stated this option, provided only upon authorization by the license holder, would provide an opportunity to provide more detailed and frequent communication pertaining to license renewal and could reduce printing and postage costs. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

The Senate Committee amended the bill to specify a person could revoke the authorization at any time and would subsequently receive notices that were mailed.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDOR estimates enactment of the bill would require \$7,000, all from the State General Fund, in FY 2021 to modify the driver's licensing system to allow notifications of an expiring driver's license by electronic mail. Without knowing how many individuals would authorize electronic notification, KDOR is unable to provide a precise estimate of lower postage costs. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.