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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 9, 2022
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2504

HB 2504 requires a service-connected disability be a physical disability to qualify for a disabled veteran distinctive license plate.

K.S.A. 8-161 provides distinctive license plates to disabled veterans as defined in K.S.A. 8-160 or those responsible for the transportation of disabled veterans. These disabled veteran distinctive license plates allow for certain parking privileges such as parking in any handicapped space or zone, parking in any metered zone with no time limit and parking without charge in a handicapped space in a public parking facility. The definition of “disabled veteran” is provided for in K.S.A. 8-160. “Disabled veteran” means a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a service-connect disability of at least 50% and under the veterans administration laws or who is entitled to compensation for loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands or feet or permanent visual impairment of both eyes.

HB 2504 would change that definition to specify that the definition of “disabled veteran,” for purposes of obtaining a disabled veteran distinctive license plate, shall only apply to those veterans with a service-connected physical disability producing limited mobility of at least 50%.