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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: House Bill No. 2245

Summary

House Bill No. 2245 permits the Division of Vehicles to collect emergency contact information as part of drivers' license records and allows law enforcement agencies to use such information in the case of an emergency.

Subsection (a) requires the Division, by no later than July 1, 2022, to maintain in its files a record of the name, address and phone number of individuals authorized to be contacted by the holder of a valid driver's license, instruction permit or non-driver's identification card in an emergency.

Subsection (b) specifies that the emergency contact information collected by the Division is confidential except as provided in K.S.A. 74-2012, which provides a general prohibition for the Division to release motor vehicle records except for specific situations on request. The license holder or an authorized agent also may access the emergency contact information that the license holder provides. The bill goes on to state that the information can only be accessed on request by a law enforcement officer in Kansas or another state and for the purpose of contacting the individual to report the injury or death of the license holder.

The bill further requires the Division to design license applications in a way to allow an applicant to provide the emergency contact information of not more than two individuals and include a statement on the application as to the confidentiality of those records. Additionally, the Division shall establish a form on its website to allow the license holder or an authorized agent to add, amend or delete the emergency contact information of the license holder.