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The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition of House Bill 2595, and we respectfully request the Committee consider our agency's concerns.

Changing the vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection requirement of K.S.A. 8-116a(a) to include any antique vehicle with a model year of 1960 and later is of concern to our agency. The Patrol is of the position that changing this requirement from 1950 to 1960 increases the possibility that any acts of fraud or theft for this type of vehicle would go undetected. Citizens of Kansas who enjoy classic cars of a certain vintage purchase them not only out of nostalgia and enjoyment, but because of their value as a rare commodity. Inspections conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-116a(a) preserve the value of these purchases and protect innocent citizens from predatory sellers and others who would profit from fraud and theft involving these vintage vehicles by ensuring that only legitimate vintage vehicles are titled in Kansas.

When these vehicles remain uninspected, antique vehicles that include parts from other automobiles, some of which are stolen, are passed on from chop shops and criminals to the unsuspecting public. While this is not the normal practice in reputable repair and restoration shops, there are situations where parts do not come from legitimate sources. Over the years, unsuspecting innocent owners purchase vehicles containing those illegitimate parts. The VIN inspections conducted by the Patrol allow innocent purchasers to determine the legitimacy of their purchases and helps the Patrol ensure that antique vehicles titled in Kansas do not contain the stolen parts or any of the other results of fraudulent acts.

We sincerely thank members of the Committee for their consideration of our testimony.

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