

SESSION OF 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2504**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2504 would amend vehicle registration law regarding eligibility for a license plate available to a veteran with a disability, or a person responsible for transporting a veteran with a disability, and creating such license plates with and without the international symbol of access to physically disabled persons.

The bill would prohibit a disabled veteran distinctive license plate from being printed with the international symbol of access unless the veteran meets the definition of "person with a disability" in law specifying eligibility for accessible parking.

A motor vehicle displaying a distinctive disabled veteran license plate with an international symbol of access would be authorized to park in any parking space clearly marked as being reserved for the use of persons with a disability, except a parking space on private property clearly marked as reserved for the use of a specified person with a disability. A vehicle displaying this license plate without the international symbol of access would not be permitted to park in a parking space reserved for the use of persons with a disability. Additional parking privileges for a vehicle displaying this license plate, regarding parking in metered zones and in parking spaces reserved for persons with disability in public parking facilities with parking attendants, would continue.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Bergkamp. As introduced, the bill would have amended the definition of “disabled veteran” for purposes of the disabled veteran license plate to limit eligibility to a veteran with a physical disability producing limited mobility of at least 50 percent.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Bergkamp and a representative of Paralyzed Veterans of America provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents discussed the challenges faced by veterans with physical disability causing mobility impairment in finding parking spaces reserved for people with disability at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita.

A representative of the Military Officers Association of America provided **opponent** testimony, stating the bill would require a veteran to disclose private medical information. A private citizen provided written-only opponent testimony.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee removed the contents of the bill as introduced, added the contents described above, and recommended a substitute bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note for the bill as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Veteran; physical disability; license plate