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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2417

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2417, as amended, would reduce from 45 days to 15 days the period of time a driver's license would be valid after the licensee turns 21. It also would reduce from 45 days to 15 days the time after a 21st birthday the licensee would have to apply to renew a driver's license.

The bill also would allow the Division of Vehicles to issue a restricted license to someone who obtained an instructional permit from another state or the District of Columbia if the other state's requirements for an instructional permit are the same or greater than Kansas requirements. Kansas requires an applicant for a restricted license to have held an instructional permit for at least a year and complete at least 25 hours of adult-supervised driving. The bill also would correct a statutory reference.

Background

Before the House Committee on Transportation, Representative Mike Slattery testified in support of the original bill, which would have extended the time after a 21st birthday a driver's license would be valid. A private citizen submitted written proponent testimony. The Director of Vehicles, Representative Slattery, and a representative of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association testified in support of an amended bill. There was no opposition or neutral testimony.

*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 House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to reflect the recommendation of the Division of Vehicles.

Before the Senate Committee on Transportation, a representative of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association spoke in support of the bill. A representative of the Division of Vehicles spoke in support of the bill and a proposed amendment regarding instructional permits. There was no neutral or opposition testimony. According to testimony, military families had requested the change regarding instructional permits.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to add the provisions regarding instructional permits.

The driver's license of a driver younger than 21 is vertical, to distinguish it from a license issued to a driver 21 or older. The Director of Vehicles said, in discussion on the amended bill, that wording would be added to the license of a person younger than 21 stating the license is valid for 15 days beyond the 21st birthday. Existing law allows the expiring license of someone who is out of the state to be extended for a period of up to six months and fully renewed if the licensee is out of state under certain circumstances related to military service.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the Department of Revenue estimated expenditures of \$10,270 to update the motor vehicle driver's license system. Adding a notation to a license expiring on a 21st birthday that the license is valid for 15 days after the birthday (which is not required by the bill, but was suggested by the Director of Vehicles) is estimated to increase expenditures by an additional \$12,500 to \$40,000 in FY 2012. The Department indicates the amount would depend on whether an appropriate statement will "fit" on the license. No fiscal note on the amended bill was available at the time of Committee action.