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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2309

As Amended by House Committee on Veterans,
Military and Homeland Security

Brief*

HB 2309 would allow a veteran to have "VETERAN" displayed on a state-issued driver's license or non-driver identification card. The veteran would need to provide proof of military service through a DD 214 form or an equivalent form and to have received an honorable discharge or have been discharged under honorable conditions.

The bill would authorize the Director of Vehicles to adopt any necessary rules and regulations. Also, the bill would allow the Director of Vehicles to provide the names and addresses of the veterans to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, so that the Commission may notify veterans of available facilities, benefits, and services.

The bill would take effect July 1, 2014.

Background

The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs provided testimony in support of the bill at the House Committee hearing. Neutral testimony was provided by the Kansas Department of Revenue. The representative from the Department of Revenue indicated the agency would support the legislation if it was amended with changes found in a similar bill (SB 136).

The House Committee on Veterans, Military, and

*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>

Homeland Security amended the bill by adding “equivalent” forms to the documents (otherwise a DD 214) that can prove military service and by allowing veterans discharged under honorable conditions to receive the “VETERAN” designation on the licenses and identification cards. The bill also was amended to take effect on July 1, 2014. These amendments addressed the concerns expressed by the Department of Revenue.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates passage of the bill would increase expenditures by \$94,630. However, the Department of Revenue indicates the amendment changing the effective date could reduce some of the costs.