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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 164

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 164 would create the statutory mechanism to allow the Department of Revenue (DOR) to contract out to a person, partnership, corporation, local or county government, county treasurer, or other state agency any services associated with vehicle functions. The bill would allow the Department to appoint contractors to perform functions relating to certificates of title, driver's licenses, division issued identification cards, and personal property taxation duties.

For services related to the application, processing, auditing, and distribution of vehicle registrations, the Department must first determine that a county treasurer has failed to maintain minimum standards of practice and service, as determined by the DOR, before a contractor may be appointed.

The Secretary of Revenue would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer contracts with county treasurers and contractors to perform vehicle functions and establish minimum standards and practices for vehicle functions. Any order of the DOR suspending or revoking a county treasurer's responsibility to perform vehicle functions must include requirements for the county treasurer's reinstatement.

*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 Senate Transportation Committee at the request of the Department of Revenue. In the Senate Transportation Committee, a representative from the DOR testified in support of the bill. The DOR representative explained that the bill was introduced pursuant to the recommendations made by the 2012 Governor's DMV Task Force. A representative from the Kansas County Treasurers Association testified in support of the bill.

A representative from AAA Allied Group offered neutral testimony on the bill.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to remove the requirement that county treasurers must first fail to maintain minimum standards of practice and service, as determined by the DOR, before the Secretary may appoint a non-treasurer contractor to perform vehicle functions relating to certificates of title, driver's licenses, division issued identification cards and personal property taxation duties. Further amendments were made to remove "motor" from all references to "motor vehicle" to make the bill consistent with statutory references to "vehicle."

The Senate Committee of the Whole made a technical amendment to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.