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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2522

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2522, as amended, would authorize a laser engraved photograph to be placed on a Kansas driver's license, instruction permit, or nondriver identification card. Current law requires a digital image in color; that option would be retained. The bill also would specify the image be displayed on the front of the driver's license or nondriver identification card.

The bill also would make technical changes.

Background

The Director of the Office of Special Investigations, Kansas Department of Revenue, provided proponent testimony to the House Committee on Transportation and to the Senate Committee on Transportation. He testified a printing process known as laser etched engraving would allow higher resolution images that are very difficult to counterfeit or alter to be used on Kansas driver's licenses and identification cards, and the laser etched engraving process that produces black and white images is less expensive than the color version but produces high-resolution, distinctive images. He stated there are no costs associated with the bill because the Department has not yet decided whether or when to add this feature to the licenses and identification cards. There was no other 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 Senate Committee amended the bill to remove a requirement the laser engraved photograph be in black and white and to make technical changes.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the bill would have no effect on state revenues and has the potential to increase expenditures. However, the Department is unable to estimate the additional costs until a credential printing vendor is obtained. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.