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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 63

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 63 would authorize the governing body of a city to adopt an ordinance to allow a driver for a transportation network company, when the driver is logged on to the transportation network company's digital network, to equip the vehicle with a device capable of displaying light visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle. The bill would specify the lighting device could display steady light and light of any color except red.

The bill would add the above provisions to the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways.

The bill would amend provisions prohibiting lights visible from the center front on vehicles to authorize lights meeting the provisions that would be added by the bill.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Petersen.

At the hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Senator Petersen provided proponent testimony. He stated the light would help the customer to find the transportation network company vehicle in a crowded location, if a city authorizes the use. Written-only proponent

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testimony was provided by a representative of Lyft. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.