

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Donovan
Senator Goodwin
Senator Harrington
Senator Pugh

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Ballou, House 43rd Dist.
Sheila Walker, Dir. Div. Of Vehicles, KDOR
Representative Bethell, House 113th Dist.

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2189: Re renewal of registration of certain vehicles

Representative Ballou, House Speaker Pro Tem, testified in support of this bill which would allow time for renewal of license plates before they expire, for vehicles required to have a 16m plate and above. There is problem with enforcement interpretation of current law and this bill will correct that problem (Attachment 1). Sheila Walker advised her Department has no problem with this bill. There is no fiscal impact. No other conferees appeared on the bill. Hearing closed.

HB 2118: Model year license plates for antique vehicles

Representative Bethell provided background information on this issue. The bill will allow use of antique plates for vehicles manufactured from 1913 to 1920. Such vehicles are excluded by current law which requires a plate embossed with the year of issuance. Kansas license plates were not embossed with the year of issue until 1921. However, each year tag is a distinctive tag (Attachment 2). Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles, KDOR had no written testimony. She reported the number of 1921 or earlier vehicles is small and would not create administrative problems and would not have any fiscal effect. The bill also removes notary certification requirement on assignments of title for antique vehicles. No other conferees appeared on the bill. Hearing closed.

HB 2120: Re unattended motor vehicle, remote starter system exception

Representative Bethell explained that under current law it is illegal to leave an automobile running unattended. However, new technology makes remote starting possible without the ignition key in place. This bill would legalize use of the latest technology and at the same time secure the vehicle from theft.

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State law takes precedence over city ordinances (Attachment 3).

Final action

Members discussed bills heard in committee today.

Senator Schodorf moved to recommend HB 2118 favorable for passage. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Gooch moved to recommend HB 2120 favorable for passage. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Salmans moved to recommend HB 2189 favorable for passage. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the March 18, 2003 meeting. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2003.