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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2459

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2459, as amended, would exempt an applicant for a Class M (motorcycle) license from state requirements for further written and driving testing if that applicant has completed motorcycle safety training in accordance with Department of Defense requirements.

Background

To both the House and Senate Transportation Committees, Representative Tom Sloan testified as a proponent of the bill, as did a representative of the 190th Air Refueling Wing testifying on behalf of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense. Proponent testimony also was received by the House Transportation Committee from a private citizen and by the Senate Transportation Committee from a representative of the Governor's Military Council. No neutral or opposing testimony was offered.

The Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill to state that those who complete specified Department of Defense motorcycle safety training are not required to complete further written and driving training. The original bill would have exempted those who completed that training from further training or testing.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to exempt Department of Defense-trained motorcyclists from written and driving testing. A vision test still would be required.

*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>

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the Department of Revenue indicates any fiscal effect would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.