

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on February 7 , 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Chris Courtright, Legislative Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brian Cox, Attorney, Kansas Department of Revenue
Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties
Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer/Kansas County Treasurer's Association
Douglas Smith, Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants
Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses' Association
John Peterson, Segway LLC

Others attending:

See attached sheet

HB 2662 - accessible parking fees

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2662** and called on Brian Cox, attorney, as the first conferee. He said this bill proposes to eliminate the County "service fee" on applicants for disabled parking placards and ID cards. This bill also proposes to eliminate portions of K.S.A. 8-1, 125 (a) relating to the authority of the Secretary of Revenue to provide additional fees by regulation. (Attachment 1)

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties, spoke in support of **HB 2662**. She stated several lawsuits around the county have held that the ADA specifically prohibits government agencies from charging persons with disabilities to participate in programs aimed at making public accommodations, such as parking lots, more accessible. This will be a monetary loss for counties; however, we feel it is the right thing to do. (Attachment 2)

Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer, also presented testimony in support of **HB 2662**. She told the committee since the county service fee is established in statute rather than rules and regulation, it is necessary to change the statutes to comply with the decisions of the Division of Vehicles. She concluded that if it is determined that the State cannot charge a fee, then it is only reasonable that the County Treasurer's should not be charging a fee either. (Attachment 3)

Douglas Smith, Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants, requested an amendment to this bill which would add "advanced registered nurse practitioner and licensed physician assistant" to Section 2, line 39. He stated Physician Assistants serve an integral part in the practice of medicine by providing needed health care services across this state. He concluded without the use of PA's the accessibility to medical care can be limited, particularly in rural areas. (Attachment 4)

Terri Roberts, Executive Director of the Kansas State Nurses Association, stood in support of the amendment which states who is authorized to sign an application for a disabled special license plate or permanent/temporary placard. She stated ARNP's provide primary care throughout Kansas in a variety of settings including local health departments, free health clinics, community clinics, hospice, rural health clinics and in medical clinics and offices. (Attachment 5)

There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2663**.

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HB 2663 - electric personal assistive mobility device

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2663**. John Peterson, Segway LLC , presented testimony and showed a video on the electric personal assistive mobility device. He said the electric mobility device is a self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less. It includes an assistive device for the elderly and disabled, as a transportation option for delivery services, and as a tool for public safety officials. They currently are being evaluated by the United States Postal Service, National Park Service, City of Atlanta, Michelin North America, Inc., GE Plastics and Amazon.com. He appeared before the Committee to request passing **HB 2663** to provide a legal and regulatory structure for this 21st century transportation technology which will improve productivity, enhance mobility for a variety of individuals and improve the environment.(Attachment 6)

There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2663**.

There being no opponents, and with committee approval, Chairman Hayzlett called for final action on **HB 2662**. Representative Dillmore made a motion to introduce the admendment regarding adding advanced registered nurse practitioners to the current list of people certified to issue placards, seconded by Representative Osborne.

The bill also amends KSA 8-1, 130 to add ARNPs and licensed optometrists to a statute making persons who willfully and falsely make such certifications guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Bruce Kinzie, Revisor said this amendment was a statutory clean-up.

Representative Dillmore and Representative Osborne added this amendment to their motion and their 2nd. The motion carried.

Representative Dreher made a motion to pass **HB 2662** favorable, as amended, seconded by Representative Aday and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2663** for final action.

Representative Powers made a motion to pass **HB 2663** favorably, seconded by Representative Humerickhouse and the motion carried. Representative Beggs wished his “no” vote to be recorded.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 12th, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

