

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on February 19, 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Beggs, excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Ethel Peterson
Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles

Others attending:
See attached sheet

HB 2791 - reinstatement of driving privileges and vehicle registration, no insurance

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2791** and called on Bruce Kinzie, Revisor, to give an overview of the bill. He stated this bill would amend the Kansas Automobile Injury Reparations Act as it relates to when the Division of Vehicles should lift a suspension or revocation due to a motorist having “no insurance”. It is an additional method for reinstatement of drivers’ license or vehicle tag to a uninsured person involved in an accident which was not their fault.

Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles, states currently there are three options for reinstatement and she listed these. **HB 2791** offers two additional options 1) giving the division the authority to determine whether reinstatement should be allowed and 2) if the other party cannot be identified or located. The Division asks that the option making the division the authority to determine reinstatement be stricken. She stated the Division currently processes administrative actions and court convictions; they do not make subjective judgement decision, as this bill would require.

She offered an amendment which would strike old (D) and replace with new (D) on page 5 of **HB 2791** stating *“the other party to the accident cannot be located as evidenced by providing the original or copy of a returned certified, receipt requested card that had been sent through the U.S. Post Office to the last known address (that shown on the accident report or otherwise provided) to the division”*. (Attachment 1)

She also suggested the bill take effect upon publication in the Kansas Register rather than the statute book.

There were no other proponents and no opponents listed. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2791**.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Wednesday, February 20, 2002.