

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 25, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sloan- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Pat George
Representative Lee Tavanelli
Ken Stodgell, Legislative Chairman for VFW
Carmen Alldritt, Director, Motor Vehicle Div.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting. He opened hearings on **HB 2709**.

HB 2709 - Micro utility trucks, regulation of

The first proponent was Representative Pat George. (Attachment #1) Representative George presented a substitute bill to clarify the operations of the micro-utility truck. The substitute bill clarifies that these trucks: 1) would not be allowed to operate on interstate, federal or state highways, except for the purpose of crossing the highways, 2) would be required to have a non-highway title, 3) have the same equipment requirements as the previous bill, 4) exclude micro-utility trucks from definition of work-site utility vehicles, and 5) would be sold by dealers. He asked for the Committee's support in favorably passing **HB 2709**.

Representative Joshua Svaty and Senator Dennis Wilson also came forward to offer support for **HB 2709** and urged the Committee to favorably pass it out.

After all questions were answered, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2709**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **HB 2861**.

HB 2861 - Purple heart medal recipient license plates

The Chairman recognized Representative Lee Tavanelli (Attachment #2) According to Representative Tavanelli, currently if an individual is a recipient of the Purple Heart, they also apply for a distinctive Purple Heart license plate honoring their sacrifice. However, if the individual passes away, the license plate is retired and the individual's family may only retain the license plate for personal display at home, as it is no longer allowed to be displayed on the vehicle. He explained that this bill will allow the unmarried spouse and/or parents of a Purple Heart recipient who has received the award posthumously or died as a result of wounds received in battle, to retain or apply for the distinctive license plate.

The next proponent was Ken Stodgell, Legislative Chairman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. (Attachment #3) He said the VFW stands in support of **HB 2861** that in cases where the Purple Heart medal is awarded posthumously, or when the recipient succumbs to wounds sustained in battle before application for the Purple Heart license plates can be made, the recipient's unmarried surviving spouse and parents are given the opportunity to apply for and display the license plates.

Carmen Alldritt was the next proponent. (Attachment #4) Director Alldritt reminded the Committee that there were unique administrative challenges involved in changing existing law regarding Purple Heart plates. She suggested for their consideration, a Kansas Military Family license plate, which would be available to the

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parents, husbands and wives of military personnel. She said various decals could be added to honor the branch of service and any awards received by the active member of the family in service to our country.

Chairman Hayzlett directed the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Wayne Bollig, Director, Veteran Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs. (Attachment #5) They were in support of **HB 2861**.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2861**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2358**. The Revisor explained the bill, that it was a carryover from last year. He explained the need for a substitute bill. The **Substitute for HB 2358** provides that for any motor vehicle subject to a lien, the county treasurer would be required to collect from the applicant a \$1.50 processing fee and mailing a copy of the title application to the lienholder. The Chairman called for discussion, motions or questions. Representative Vickrey made a motion to accept the **Substitute for HB 2358**, seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried. Representative Huntington made a motion to favorably pass **Substitute for HB 2358**, seconded by Representative McLachlan and the motion carried.

There was discussion on **HB 2756** - Traffic regulations, fines in road construction zones. Several suggestions were made. Discussions will continue next week.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on February 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.