

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Lance Kinzer at 3:30 P.M. on February 11, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Marti Crow - excused  
Annie Kuether- excused  
Joe Patton - excused  
Dick Proehl- excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research  
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Christopher Buck, Enterprise Car Rental  
Don McNeely, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association  
Rob Linderer, CEO, Midwest Transplant Network  
Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, Mortuary Arts Board

The hearing on **HB 2707 - theft, intent to deprive, leased or rented motor vehicles**, was opened.

Christopher Buck, Enterprise Car Rental, commented that Kansas is one of only six states that requires businesses who lease or rent personal property to wait 10 days before reporting a vehicle stolen. In the last two years, Enterprise has incurred 122 incidents where they had to report a vehicle stolen. The proposed bill would allow for a report to be filed three days after the vehicle is scheduled to be turned back in. This shortened filing time would possibly allow for the police to find the vehicle sooner. (Attachment #1)

Don McNeely, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, appeared before the committee in support of the proposed bill. He requested an amendment to expand the legislation to include dealership demonstrators and service loaner vehicles. (Attachment #2)

The hearing on **HB 2707** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2768 - dead human bodies, removal and delivery**, was opened.

Rob Linderer, CEO, Midwest Transplant Network, explained that the bill would add their organization as a place which could receive a dead body. The body would be transported from the location of where the death occurred to their facility. This would allow for the removal of donated tissues from the deceased donor in a shorter amount of time. Currently this is done in the operating room at the hospital where the death occurred. (Attachment #3)

Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, Mortuary Arts Board, spoke in support of the proposed bill. (Attachment #4)

The hearing on **HB 2768** was closed.

**HB 2545** - controlled substances, ecstasy

Additional information on expungement concerning juveniles was provided by the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Attachment #5)

Representative Pauls provided the committee a balloon (Attachment #6) that would make a second or subsequent conviction of the use of ecstasy a felony and report favorably as Substitute HB 2545. Representative Ward seconded the motion. Committee discussed expungement of juvenile records. The motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 1008.