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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: April 6, 2017

Subject: SB 135 – Unclassified employees within Division of Vehicles.

Senate Bill No. 135 (SB 135) amends K.S.A. 74-2015 regarding the employment classification of driver's license examiners within the Division of Vehicles. Under current law the supervisor of driver's license examiners and all such examiners are in the classified service under the Kansas Civil Service Act.

SB 135 would allow the supervisor and driver's license examiners to become unclassified positions under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-2935(1)(x) or (1)(cc). Under K.S.A. 75-2935(1)(x) a position may become unclassified if designated as such by the appointing authority for any person newly hired to the position, who voluntarily transfers into the position, or who is voluntarily promoted or demoted into the position after July 1, 2015. Under K.S.A. 75-2935(1)(cc) a position may become unclassified if it is vacant and is converted to unclassified status by the appointing authority.

If enacted the provisions of SB 135 would be effective on July 1, 2017.