

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 18, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

The following members were excused:

Representative Julie Menghini
Representative Gene Rardin
Representative Tom Sloan
Representative Bill Wolf

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Pat Colloton
Representative Ann Mah
Philip Bradley, KS Licensed Beverage Association
Amy Campbell, KS Association of Beverage Retailers

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and asked for bill introductions.

The Chairman recognized Representative Bob Bethell who asked to introduce a bill regulating running lights on new automobiles. Representative Humerickhouse made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Vickrey and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Carmen Aldritt, Director of Motor Vehicle Division of the KS Department of Revenue. Director Aldritt asked to introduce a bill providing for an expedited processing fee and creating the expedited processing fee fund. Representative Henry made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Treaster and the motion carried.

Director Aldritt requested a second bill introduction concerning the registration of vehicles relating to license plates and establishing a license plate production fee. Representative Wetta made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative McLachlan and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Doug Lawrence representing Midwest Crane and Rigging who requested a bill to clarify motor carrier and commercial vehicles language in a bill that was introduced last session. Representative Peck made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Humerickhouse, motion carried.

Representative Huntington requested introduction of a bill that would require helmets to always be worn while riding motorcycles. The motion was made by Representative Huntington, seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

There being no more requests for bill introductions the Chairman opened the hearings.

HB 2041 - 95th division the iron men of Metz highway, highway designation

The purpose of this bill was to clarify language in a bill that was passed a couple of years ago. When the highway sign was installed it was noticed that the sign designation was different than what was intended but because it was in the statutes it was necessary for another bill to be passed to correct the language.

There was no opposition to this bill. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2041**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB 2042 - Expiration of drivers' licenses for people under 21 years of age

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **HB 2042** and introduced Representative Pat Colloton (Attachment #1). Representative Colloton urged the Committee to repeal the provision in the driver license law that causes the driver license to automatically expire the license on the 21st birthday of the driver. According to Representative Colloton this requirement is burdensome and unnecessary and creates a hardship on some 21 year olds whose birthday falls on a weekend or holiday or who go to school out of state.

The Chairman recognized Representative Mah as the next proponent of **HB 2042**. According to Representative Mah (Attachment #2) she voted for this law last year because she was assured her son could go in ahead of his 21st birthday and get his license renewed. Representative Mah said they found out that they could go in early and get an extension of his license but would have to make a second trip for the actual license renewal. In addition to this inconvenience Representative Mah's son was "grandfathered" until 2009 so the law won't have a practical effect for a couple of years. She urged the Committee to fix this law before the public has experiences similar to hers.

The Chairman asked if there were any other proponents. There being none the Chairman called the first opponent of **HB 2042**.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Philip Bradley who represents the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association. (Attachment #3) Mr. Bradley explained the background of the bill. According to Mr. Bradley this law was implemented with great success. Mr. Bradley said expiration of the vertical license at 21 is working to prevent underage access to alcohol and that any difficulties that exist are in the renewal process and can be fixed if desired.

The next opponent recognized by the Chairman was Amy Campbell, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers. (Attachment #4) According to Ms. Campbell, her association opposes this bill because it would delete the requirement that a drivers license be renewed at the age of 21. She said this was a simple requirement that makes the use of vertical driver licenses meaningful and is one more step in the partnership between liquor store licensees and the State in preventing underage access to adult beverages.

She summarized by asking the Committee to not pass **HB 2042**.

There being no other proponents or opponents, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2042**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2041**. The Chairman asked for discussions, comments or motions on this bill. Representative Vickrey made a motion to pass **HB 2041** favorably out of Committee and put it on the Consent Calendar. Representative Burgess seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Representative Henry introduced Tom Burrough's new intern, Ted Henry, who is Representative Henry's son.

There being no further business before the Committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m, January 23, 2007, in Room 519-S.