

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 17

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 17, as amended, would remove an exception for a motorcycle operated with a temporary registration permit from a requirement for each operator of a motor vehicle in Kansas to hold a license classified for the operation of the motor vehicle being operated. The bill also would clarify that requirement.

Background

The bill was requested by a representative of AAA Kansas.

At the hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation, proponent testimony was provided by representatives of AAA Kansas and ABATE of Kansas. Written-only testimony was provided by a representative of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association–Kansas District; a private citizen; a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association; and the Kansas Department of Transportation. Proponents stated nearly half of all motorcycle crashes and about half of all motorcycle-related fatalities in recent years have involved people without class M licenses. They also described the benefits of training and skills development for safety and stated the bill would have no impact on motorcycle sellers. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Senate Committee adopted a clarifying amendment requested by the revisor.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would require updates to manuals and staff training and would increase applications for motorcycle licenses, which could result in increased wait times at some offices. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.