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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Transportation  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 7, 2023  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2148

HB 2148 changes various fees relating to the registration and titling of vehicles, changes where certain fees and portions of fees are deposited and eliminates the vehicle modernization surcharge.

The fee increases and decreases to registration and title fees occur throughout the bill. Many of the fees are reduced anywhere from \$0.50 to \$5. There are many categories of fees related to registration and titling that these reductions affect. Some of the categories in these fee reductions include: personalized license plate fees; original certificates of title; name change title and registration; nonhighway vehicle titles; titles for mobile homes; replacement license plates; registrations for motorized bicycles, motorcycles, passenger vehicles, trailers, farm trucks and others; license plate transfers; titles for repossessed; registration of antique vehicles and many others.

The reason for many of the fee reductions is that it corresponds with certain new fees and the disposition process for those fees. Under current law, license fees and registration fees collected by county treasurers, the Division of Vehicles and contractors are required to be deposited in special funds to help pay expenses to those entities for providing registration and titling services. Section 7 of the bill removes the requirements in K.S.A. 8-145 for all the entities to deposit \$0.75 of each license application, \$0.75 of each license plate transfer and \$2 of each certificate of title application to the special funds. Section 7 goes on to state that \$0.75 for the vehicle registrations relating to commercial vehicles and apportionment registrations should still be deposited into a special fund to pay for administration and service expenses. Section 7 also eliminates the division of vehicles modernization surcharge contained in K.S.A. 75-5160, and the disposition process for

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that surcharge under K.S.A. 8-145. K.S.A. 75-5160 that originally established the vehicle modernization surcharge is also repealed as part of the bill.

Section 8 of the bill amends K.S.A. 8-145d to create a uniform service fee of \$10 for all vehicle title applications, registrations and renewals processed by the Division of Vehicles, county treasurers or a Division contractor. Section 8 also removes the ability of county treasurers to charge additional fees on registrations and renewals.

Section 13 also provides a fee increase relating to salvage vehicle permits to operate on highways. The fee for a salvage vehicle permit is increased from \$1 to \$10.