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Subject:

HB 2417

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the Committee, it is a pleasure to appear before you regarding HB2417. This bill concerns the driver's licenses of those individuals turning 21. Currently an individual turning 21 will not be allowed to renew their driver's licenses until their 21st birthday or within the 45 day grace period thereafter. This has proven to be a problem for those individuals that attend colleges outside of the state of Kansas and are not able to return within the 45 days allowed to renew their licenses.

Rep Slattery, Phillip Bradley, CEO of Kansas Licensed Beverage Association and I met this morning in order to come up with a workable solution to meet everyone's concerns. We have determined that a solution that would assist these individuals is to allow them to make application for their renewal within 6 months prior to the date of their 21st birthday and the expiration of their vertical license. I have drafted an amendment to HB2417 that states "Any Licensee, whose driver's license expires on their 21st birthday, may apply for renewal of such license in the six months prior to the licensee turning 21, and if the licensee is otherwise eligible, the division shall suspend the issuance of the driver's license, with an over 21 years of age format, until 14 days before the licensee turns 21 years of age". The license would then be sent to individual showing an effective date of their 21st birthday.

Rep Slattery, Phillip Bradley and I feel this will be a workable solution. With the short turnaround in making this agreement, the Division has not been able to secure an estimate of the programming cost and the fiscal impact this change would make. I support this solution pending the feedback from our software vendor on design and fiscal note.

Thank you for your time, and I will stand for questions.

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