

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2452**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2452 would make various changes related to the availability of distinctive license plates.

The bill would authorize three new license plates to be issued after January 1, 2015:

- Donate Life, sponsored by the Midwest Transplant Network, for passenger vehicles, small trucks, and motorcycles;
- Kansas Horse Council, sponsored by that organization, for passenger vehicles, trailers, and small trucks; and
- Rotary International, sponsored by that organization, for passenger vehicles and small trucks.

Anyone who wishes to receive one of the license plates authorized by the bill would pay an annual royalty amount of at least \$25, but not more than \$100, for the use of the sponsoring organization's logo, in addition to other statutory license plate fees. Such payments could be made directly to the organization or through the county treasurer. The bill would require each sponsoring organization to pay the initial costs of developing the license plates.

*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 bill would add motorcycles to the types of vehicles for which a qualified person could obtain a disabled veteran license plate.

The bill would permit the production of distinctive license plates for motorcycles at the request of the sponsoring organization for any distinctive license plate. The sponsoring organization requesting a distinctive license plate for motorcycles would be responsible for the cost of the initial production of the motorcycle license plate.

The bill also would allow a member of the armed forces who is stationed in Kansas and eligible for a regular Kansas license plate, but who maintains official residency in another state, to be eligible for a distinctive license plate. Under current law, only residents of Kansas are eligible for distinctive license plates.

Background

The substitute bill combines provisions of HB 2452 (Donate Life plates) with provisions of HB 2483 (Kansas Horse Council plates), HB 2484 (Rotary International plates), and HB 2467 (plates for disabled veterans' motorcycles), with additional amendments inserted by the Senate Committee.

Donate Life plates (HB 2452). Proponent testimony was received from Representatives Swanson and Menghini, who had requested the bill; from a kidney donor; and from the donor designation coordinator of the Midwest Transplant Network. Written proponent testimony was provided by the Executive Director of Gift of Life. There was no other testimony.

The House Committee on Transportation amended this bill to add the provisions of the other listed bills.

The Senate Committee on Transportation heard testimony in support of the Donate Life plate provision from

Representative Menghini, a representative of the Midwest Transplant Network, and a private citizen. The Senate Committee received written testimony in support of this provision from representatives of Gift of Life and the Kansas Kidney Coalition, and from a private citizen. There was no other testimony on this provision.

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment proposed by the Midwest Transplant Network to add motorcycles to the list of vehicles permitted to use the Donate Life plate.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue estimates the plate would have these effects in FY 2015: \$40,000 in revenues (\$20,000 from license plate fees and \$20,000 from the sponsoring organization to develop the plates) and expenditures of \$26,180 for computer changes and plate production.

Kansas Horse Council plates (HB 2483). The bill was requested by Representative Moxley. The Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council and a member of the Council's board of directors gave proponent testimony. There was no other testimony.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to allow the plates also to be used on trailers.

The Senate Committee received testimony in support of the Kansas Horse Council plates from the Executive Director of the Kansas Horse Council and a member of the Council's board of directors. There was no other testimony on this provision.

The fiscal note on the original bill shows the same estimated revenues and expenditures as for the Donate Life plate. Department of Revenue officials estimated the amendment would add approximately \$700 in testing costs.

Rotary International plates (HB 2484). The bill was requested by Representative O'Brien. The Rotary International Assistant Governor for Area 10 and former Representative Jana Goodman provided proponent testimony. There was no other testimony.

The fiscal note shows the same estimated revenues and expenditures as for the Donate Life plate.

Senator Apple requested and Senators Apple and Bowers testified in support of identical provisions in SB 273, in that bill's hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee. A representative of Rotary International provided written testimony in support of SB 273, which was passed by the Senate.

Disabled veteran plates for motorcycles (HB 2467). The bill was introduced by the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security. Representative Goico testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony. Disabled veteran license plates are available for passenger vehicles and small trucks under current law.

The Senate Committee received written testimony in support of the Disabled Veteran plate for motorcycles from a representative of the Kansas American Legion. There was no other testimony on this provision.

Additional provisions. The Senate Committee amended the substitute bill to permit the production of all distinctive license plates for motorcycles. Under existing law, sponsoring organizations wishing to add the availability of distinctive license plates for motorcycles must make such a request and have the statute authorizing the production of the plate amended to include motorcycles.

The Senate Committee also amended the substitute bill to permit members of the armed forces stationed in Kansas to be considered residents for the purpose of obtaining distinctive license plates, an amendment requested by a

representative of the Kansas County Treasurers Association in written testimony. Under existing law, only Kansas residents are eligible for distinctive license plates. The Senate Committee heard testimony from a representative of the Division of Vehicles indicating that when members of the armed services moved to another state, they would be subject to the license plate laws of that state and thus would not be able to continue using any Kansas license plate.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue estimates the plate would increase expenditures in FY 2014 by a total of \$28,070 for programming and production of the plates. No updated fiscal note was available when the Senate Committee on Transportation took action on the substitute bill.