

SESSION OF 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 393

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 393 would allow an individual whose driver's license expires while that license has been suspended for failure to pay fines for traffic citations to apply for a restricted license. The bill would require the applicant for renewal of a restricted license to pay a \$25 application fee and would extend authorization for the Supreme Court to impose a \$22 reinstatement charge through July 1, 2015. In order to apply for the restricted license, the bill would require the following conditions be met:

- The suspended expired license was issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles;
- The suspension must have resulted from a failure to comply with a traffic citation;
- The traffic citation was issued in Kansas; and
- The driver has not previously had a suspension stayed due to being convicted of driving with a suspended license.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. At the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing, Senator Faust-Goudeau testified

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legislation passed last year permitted a person with a driver's license suspended for failure to pay fines for traffic citations to apply for a restricted driver's license to drive to work, school, a health appointment, or a court-ordered appointment, but the bill did not allow a person whose license expired while suspended to apply for a restricted license. The Senator testified that allowing drivers to apply for restricted licenses would allow them to work while on suspension. Representative Carmichael testified in support of the bill and stated the authorization of the court's reinstatement charge would fund the costs of non-judicial personnel involved in implementing the law. The Committee also heard testimony in support of the bill from representatives of Counseling, Inc.; Kansas Legal Services; and Wilkinson Consulting Group LLC. The Committee received written testimony in support of the bill from a representative of Sunflower Community Action and a private citizen.

A representative of the Department of Revenue provided neutral testimony on the bill and suggested the bill be amended to require four conditions prior to receiving a renewed restricted license. The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to include the four conditions recommended by the Department of Revenue.

There was no opponent testimony.

According to the fiscal note on the introduced bill prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would increase revenues to the Division of Vehicles Operating Fund by approximately \$7,500 in FY 2015. The estimate is based on approximately 300 transactions which occurred in FY 2013 and would have been subject to the provisions of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.