

Vehicle Registration; CDL Codes; Custom Harvester Vehicle Length; Senate Sub. for HB 2090

Senate Sub. for HB 2090 amends several laws related to vehicle registration, adds endorsement codes for commercial driver's licenses (CDLs), and amends a vehicle length limit specific to custom harvester equipment.

Vehicle Registration

The bill makes these changes related to vehicle registration:

- **License plate registration decals.** The bill removes the requirement that each license plate registration decal issued be numbered serially in each county. The bill instead requires the decal to indicate the license plate number to which the decal is to be affixed.
- **Apportioned fleet registration.** The bill amends the mileage fee and application requirements for apportioned fleet registration. The bill eliminates language requiring a fleet to estimate annual in-state and total fleet miles. The bill requires mileage applications and fees to be charged according to the International Registration Plan (Plan). The bill also requires all mileage calculations to comply with the rules of the Plan.
- **Reports of permanently registered vehicles.** The bill repeals the requirement for each city, county, township, school district, community college, or technical college to file an annual report with the Division of Vehicles identifying the vehicles with permanent registration that a governmental entity owns or leases. This information is available from the vehicle registration system.

CDL Codes

The bill adds seven vehicle endorsement and restriction codes to be designated on CDLs:

- "E" – no manual transmission in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV);
- "O" – no tractor-trailer;
- "M" – no class A passenger vehicle;
- "N" – no class A or B passenger vehicle;
- "Z" – no full air brake in CMV;
- "K" – for intrastate only; and

- “V” – for medical variance.

The adoption of the additional codes is required for Kansas law to meet federal requirements for CDLs.

Custom Harvester Vehicle Combination Length

The bill adds forage cutter and combine header to combine in the items used in custom harvesting operations that, when transported using a truck and trailer combination or other specified combination, can exceed the general vehicle combination length limit of 65 feet but not exceed an overall length of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.