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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 215

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 215 would amend motor vehicle registration law to allow a person to provide proof of current registration using a receipt in lieu of a decal on the license plate, for no more than ten days following expiration of registration. The required receipt would be a printed payment receipt or an electronic payment receipt from an online electronic payment processing system. Any charge for failing to display a registration decal up to and including the tenth day following expiration of registration would be dismissed if the person produces a registration receipt for the current 12-month registration period in court. The bill would specify the provisions above would apply to a truck that can be registered using the online system. The provisions would not apply to proof of registration of any vehicle registered as a commercial motor vehicle or as part of a commercial motor vehicle fleet.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Transportation Committee, at the request of Senator Wolf. The county treasurers of Shawnee and Johnson counties testified in support of the bill. They stated a Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) stakeholders group had reached consensus on the idea of the bill, the bill would allow customers to renew online rather than in person at the end of the registration month, and a decal would be mailed and

*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>

should be received by the customer within the ten days the receipt would be allowed as proof of registration. The Johnson County Treasurer requested a clarifying amendment. A representative of the Division of Vehicles stated the bill would be beneficial for customer service. Treasurers of Crawford, Douglas, Geary, Miami, and Riley counties provided written testimony in support of the bill, as did the Rush County Treasurer as the president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association. The Director of Revenue/Treasury of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, also submitted written proponent testimony. There was no other testimony.

The Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill to clarify registration of fleet vehicles and vehicles registered as commercial vehicles would not be included under the bill's provisions. (There is a separate registration process for those commercial vehicles.) The Committee also amended the bill to clarify the types of receipts that would be acceptable as proof of registration.

The House Committee on Transportation received testimony in support of the bill from the Johnson County Treasurer and written testimony in support from the Crawford, Miami, and Shawnee County Treasurers. The President of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, the Rush County Treasurer, also provided testimony in support of the bill.

A representative of KDOR provided neutral testimony on the bill requesting an additional statute be amended to include the payment receipt that would be authorized by the bill in lieu of registration receipt as evidence of registration for personal-use trucks 12,000 pounds or less that can be registered using the online system. The House Committee added that amendment.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) states enactment of the bill could reduce fine revenue to the Traffic Records Enhancement

Fund, but KDOT is unable to estimate any revenue reduction. KDOR indicates any additional expenditures would be absorbed within existing resources. The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment could decrease docket fee and fine revenues if cases are dismissed, but the Office cannot estimate the amount. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.