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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 288**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 288 would add seven vehicle endorsement and restriction codes to be designated on commercial driver's licenses:

- "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.

**Background**

The bill was introduced in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. At a hearing before the Senate Committee on Transportation, the Director of Policy for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Manager of Driver Services for the Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, testified in support of the bill. Both said these codes must be added to state law to

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\*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>

keep Kansas in compliance with federal law and failure to do so could result in the withholding of up to 5.0 percent of federal funds following the first year of noncompliance and up to 10.0 percent in subsequent years. The Manager of Driver Services explained the testing process and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration codes. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget and testimony from KDOT, enactment of the bill would prevent the loss of \$11.7 million in federal funding remitted to the State Highway Fund (SHF) in FY 2015 and \$23.5 million in FY 2016 and each subsequent year of noncompliance. SHF expenditures associated with the federal funding that would remain in place with enactment are currently reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*. KDOT indicated costs associated with updating the accident report system would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.