

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Huff, excused  
Representative Larkin, excused  
Representative Wilk, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Dept.  
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Dept.  
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Hayzlett called for introduction of bills. Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association requested the introduction of three bills. The first bill would be to clarify that an axle must be weight bearing when in contact with the road surface, and further clarify that any axle not touching the road surface shall not be considered in determining the lawful axle weight and gross weight on any vehicle.

The second bill would amend K.S.A. 8-1530 to allow tow trucks to have emergency lights in their vehicles and that the lights are only to be used at the scene of an accident or while providing emergency road service on the shoulder of a highway.

The third bill proposed for introduction amended K.S.A. 8-1, 134 to allow a school district to register a leased tractor trailer under the special registration provisions for school districts. Changing this law would allow the Wichita Area Technical School to lease a tractor trailer for the truck driver training program and register it under the provision governing all other school district vehicles.

Representative Humerickhouse made a motion to introduce all three bills, seconded by Representative Dreher and the motion carried.

Representative Jack made a motion to designate a portion of US 400 as the 903<sup>rd</sup> ordnance ammunition company bypass. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried..

Representative Kauffman made a motion to amend the vehicle dealers and manufacturers licensing act by

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inserting a statement that had been removed last year which states that "Any salvage vehicle dealer who is also licensed as a used vehicle dealer shall be required to pay only one \$75 fee for both licenses."  
Representative Long seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor, explained a bill requested by the Kansas County Highway Association amending K.S.A 68-124 and 68-141s and repealing the existing sections. This bill is for technical cleanup on some county road statutes and repealing some obsolete language and clarifying other language. Representative Beggs made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Myers and the motion carried.

There being no further bill introductions the Chairman introduced Sheila Walker, Director of Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Revenue. Director Walker gave a presentation on the Kansas Division of Motor Vehicles. According to Director Walker Kansas has about two million licensed drivers and 2.5 million registered vehicles. The Kansas Division of Vehicles has more than 300 employees that oversee the administration of motor vehicle registrations and driver's license issuance and control. Director Walker talked about the responsibilities of the different sections within the Division of Motor Vehicles: Drivers' Licensing, Driver Control, Titles and Registration, the Director's Office and Motor Carriers.

Director Walker concluded her presentation with an update of SB 449 which she referred to as the 'paperless' title bill. SB 449 (which took effect January 1, 2003) created new legislation and amended related statutes regarding certificates of titles. The bill required the Division of Vehicles to create and retain a certificate of title electronically when there was a lien or security interest in a motor vehicle or manufactured home. The advantage would be to reduce issuance of duplicate and reissued titles, reduce data entry errors, result in more efficient issuance of titles, allow secured parties to file their liens electronically and provide financial institutions more security by having the Division retain a "paperless" title until a lien is satisfied. The downside was that citizens didn't understand not receiving a title after the purchase of a vehicle. Citizens were concerned about being able to sell or trade their vehicles without a title. Matt Moser, Bureau Chief in Titles and Registration, who accompanied Director Walker, explained the policies and procedures. Director Walker finished up the presentation by advising the Committee that her agency plans to prepare a packet with common scenarios, questions answered in layman's terms, etc. for each legislator, treasurer, dealer, and anyone who feels like they can use the packet to share with their constituents.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the floor for discussion. Director Walker and Matt Moser responded to questions from the Committee.

Chairman Hayzlett advised the Committee they had been invited by the Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association to tour the Ashgrove Cement Company on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. They plan to leave at 11:30 by bus and return to Topeka at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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