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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

Date: February 24, 2021

Subject: Senate Bill No. 167

Summary

Senate Bill No. 167 classifies certain public utility motor vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles.

Section 1 – includes motor vehicles operated by authorized persons of an electric or natural gas public utility to be included under the definition of “authorized emergency vehicle.”

Authorized emergency vehicles, are granted certain operational rights under K.S.A. 8-1506. K.S.A. 8-1520a provides for a violation for the unlawful passing of a stopped authorized emergency vehicle. K.S.A. 8-1530 requires drivers approaching an authorized emergency vehicle to yield. K.S.A. 8-1541 requires pedestrians to yield the right-of-way to authorized emergency vehicles.

Section 2 – exempts those motor vehicles operated by authorized persons of an electric or natural gas public utility from board of county commissioners’ authority to designate such vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles.