

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on February 5 , 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Howell, excused

Committee staff present:
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Chris Courtright, Legislative Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Edmonds
Representative Huff
Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles
Kevin Lockwood, Director of Great Bend Army Airfield Museum
Cynthia Fisk

Others attending:
See attached agenda

The Transportation Committee meetings scheduled for the 30th and 31st of January were cancelled due to the icy weather.

Chairman Hayzlett called for introduction of bills. Representative Schwartz requested introduction of a bill regarding removal of vehicles after they have been auctioned off at a sale. Representative Ballou made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Osborne and the motion carried.

Representative Dreher asked for introduction of a bill which would require all trash trucks to have back-up alarms. Representative Osborne made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Levinson and the motion carried.

HB 2653 - certificate of title for antique vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2653**. Representative Edmonds presented testimony in support of this bill. He outlined for the committee the changes that **HB 2653** would make: 1) require that an inspection of the vehicle be completed to verify that the serial number and description of the vehicle agree with the bill of sale and to assure that no serial number associated with known stolen parts exists and 2) provide that transfer by certificate of title would be mandatory if an antique title had been issued for the vehicle. He concluded the intent of **HB 2653** is the minimize the burden on purchasers of antique vehicles while guarding against the possibility of fraud or theft. (Attachment 1)

Kevin Lockwood was the next conferee. He represented the Great Bend Army Airfield Museum. He stated the group was established in 1997 and since that time have purchased and restored over a dozen vehicles which have been used, as part of an outreach program, in parades and school and civic functions. He urged the committee to make every attempt to streamline the ability of those interested in pursuing restoration of historically significant vehicles rather than letting the cars decay becoming roadside eyesores because of the difficulty with providing proof of ownership. (Attachment 2)

Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles, spoke in support of **HB 2653**. She told the committee that as each year passes more and more vehicles are meeting the criteria for an "antique" vehicle. Requiring an inspection and checking for a registration within the last year are steps that need to be taken to help guard against issuing a title on a vehicle that may be stolen or have an unreleased lien. (Attachment 3)

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There were no opponents.

Following questions from the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2653**.

HB 2675 - personalized license plates, number of

Chairman Hayzlett called on Representative Huff as the first proponent. Currently the State of Kansas has 18 different types of license plates for cars and trucks. Kansas law requires all plates to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle with the exception of the personal licensed plate, which must be displayed on the front and back of the car. He estimated that at least one out of five personalized plate owners do not use the front plate, however, it is a state law and the fine is approximately \$90. He concluded **HB 2675** would eliminate the requirement for these plates to be displayed on the front of the car with a savings to the state over a five year period of approximately \$50,000 per year. (Attachment 4)

Cynthia Fisk told the committee that she questioned why she needed two plates when she bought her personalized plate, since Kansas only displays one plate on the rear of the car. and was told by the clerk that she could just keep the other one in her car. However, she was stopped and ticketed for not displaying the tag on the front of her car. She requested repeal of the law that requires the purchase and display of two plates. (Attachment 5)

Sheila Walker told the committee that passage of this bill would result in a significant cost reduction for producing a second plate, including raw materials, as well as the cost of labor to produce a second plate. The state, however, will lose the reflectorized plate fees (\$.50) currently collected on the second plate. Based on the number of plates issued during the last 5-year period, reducing the number of personalized plates from two to one would result in an overall savings of more than \$90,000. She concluded the Vehicle Information Processing System programs would need to be modified to accommodate the reflectorized plate fee changes. (Attachment 6)

There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2675**.

There being no opponents, and no objection from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **HB 2653**. Representative Larkin made a motion to pass **HB 2653** favorably, seconded by Representative Ballou and the motion carried.

The minutes from the meeting on January 29th were presented for corrections or approval. Representative Ballou made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Representative Vickery and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 in Room 519-S.

