

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 8, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles
Brad Smoot, representing Explore Information Services
Toni Roberts, Management Analyst, Div. of Vehicles

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2215 - Commercial driver's licenses, hazmat fee fund

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2215** by introducing Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue. (Attachment 1) According to Director Alldritt, **HB 2215** accomplishes three things: First, the bill deals with Commercial Drivers License disqualifications that correctly reference the federal requirements. (Director Alldritt asked to strike Section 1 right now as they had just discovered a problem.) Second, the bill creates a hazmat fee fund for the deposit and expenditure of fees collected when an individual applies for the hazmat endorsement. And third, this bill will bring Kansas into compliance with Transportation Security Administration procedures of notification of renewal at least 60 days before the expiration date. Last year they left these last two items out of their bill.

After questions, with no other proponents and no opponents, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2215**.

HB 2217 - Division of vehicles records, certain driver's license records.

The Chairman introduced Brad Smoot, Attorney representing Explore Information services, L.L.C. which is a subsidiary of The Schwan Food Company of Salina, KS. According to Mr. Smoot, Explore operates as an insurance support organization, providing services to assist insurance companies in effectively assigning risk to their insureds. (Attachment 2) Mr. Smoot said that although most policyholders notify their agent or insurance company when there is a newly licensed driver operating the family vehicles, there are some that forget or fail to report this information. **HB 2217** would enable the state to contract with vendors, such as Explore, to provide information to assist insurers in identifying youthful drivers that have not yet been disclosed so more accurate premiums could be assigned. The service Explore offers is called RiskAlert and it monitors households of insurance companies' policyholders to identify youthful drivers that have not yet been disclosed. If this bill passes it would eliminate the \$1 of each motor vehicle record fee collected by the Department of Revenue which goes to the Highway Patrol Training Center fund and allows the state to enter into contracts to provide some of the information from the driving record.

Mr. Smoot introduced Sara Patrick, State Relationship Representative with Explore Information who helped answer questions from the Committee.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Toni Roberts, Management Analyst, Division of Vehicles. According to Ms. Roberts (Attachment 3) **HB 2217** allows the Secretary of Revenue to enter into a lesser rate contract for the purpose of assisting insurance companies or their authorized agents to conduct antifraud activities. She said the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, allows records to be provided in connection with antifraud activities. Ms. Roberts concluded that the Department of Revenue does not oppose this bill.

There were no additional proponents and no opponents. After all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2217**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Transportation Committee at 1:30 P.M. on February 8, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2215**. Representative Jack made a motion to amend page 1 by striking all in lines 14 through 43; and on page 2 by striking all in lines 1 through 4; in line 5 by striking "Sec. 2" and inserting "Section 1"; on page 3 in line 6 striking "180" and inserting "60"; and in line 13 by striking "90" and inserting "30"; and in line 39 by striking "K.S.A. 8-259. This amendment was seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried. Representative Ballard made a motion to pass this bill as amended, seconded by Representative Vickrey and the motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2217**. A motion was made by Representative Yonally to pass this bill out favorably, seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on February 14, 2005 in Room 519-S at 1:30 p.m.