

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:37 a.m. on February 10, 2010, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike Petersen, Senator, State of Kansas  
Suzanne Wikle, Director of Health Policy, Kansas Action for Kids

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger called attention to the introduction of a resolution relating to **SB 295 - Blind and visually impaired persons, establishing the motor vehicle and safe mobility committee.**

Senator Petersen moved, Senator Kultala seconded to introduce the resolution. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 484 - Driver's licenses; restrictions and conditions.** Bruce Kinzie, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Mike Petersen, Senator, State of Kansas, testified as a proponent, stating it is a clarification to the graduated driver's license bill passed last year. **SB 484** allows permitted drivers, who are allowed to drive to and from school and work, drive to an organized religious activity. Additionally, it permits an instructor or parent to ride on the same motorcycle when teaching a student to ride. The measure passed last year only allowed the instructor to be on a separate motorcycle riding in close proximity (Attachment 1).

Written testimony in support of **SB 484** was submitted by:

Kelly Arnold, Youth Sponsor, Westlink Christian Church (Attachment 2)

Suzanne Wikle, Director of Health Policy, Kansas Action for Kids spoke in opposition to **SB 484**. She indicated that they are especially concerned about the changes it makes to teen drivers under age 16, those 15 year-olds holding a restricted license and teens holding a farm permit. The current policy for 15 year-olds has been in place for nearly two decades. She continued that if it is the Committee's pleasure to allow passage of **SB 484**, Kansas Action for Children asks that the exception that allows driving to and from "any religious service or function" apply only to 16 year-olds (Attachment 3).

Written testimony in opposition to **SB 484** was submitted by:

Jim Hanni, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs, AAA of Kansas (Attachment 4)  
Cheri Sage, State Director, Safe Kids Kansas (Attachment 5)

Written testimony neutral to **SB 484** was submitted by:

Pete Bodyk, Manager Traffic Safety, Kansas Department of Transportation (Attachment 6)

The Committee voiced concerns about changing 14 and 15 year-olds driving restrictions, that this could be a potential loophole for kids to take advantage. Senator Petersen indicated that he was open to changes, and would work with the Committee on the adjustments.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **484** was closed.

Chairman Umbarger called for final action on **SB 367 - Regulating traffic; enforcement of helmet law for**

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**motorcycles.**

Bruce Kinzie, staff revisor, reviewed **SB 367** and proposed amendments requiring persons under the age of 18 to wear an eye-protective device. He noted that it only applies to motorcycles, not motorized bicycles (Attachment 7).

Senator Petersen moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to amend **SB 367** as reflected in the balloon proposed amendment. Motion carried.

Senator Petersen moved, Senator Donovan seconded, to recommend **SB 367**, as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 408 - County treasurers, additional locations for vehicle registrations.**

Senator Kultala proposed a balloon amendment that if motor vehicle registrations were not done at the primary place of business, an alternate location would be designated as a primary registration facility and would not charge an extra fee at that location (Attachment 8).

Senator Kultala moved, Senator Huntington seconded, to amend **SB 408** as reflected in the proposed balloon amendment. Motion carried.

Senator Kultala moved, Senator Huntington seconded, to recommend **SB 408**, as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 483 - Primary seat belt law.**

Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to recommend **SB 483** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.