SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2125

As Recommended by House Committee on Transportation

Brief*

HB 2125 would require the holder of a driver’s license who is operating a motor vehicle to promptly deliver, rather than display, the driver's license upon demand of any officer of a court of competent jurisdiction, any peace officer, or any examiner or officer of the Division of Vehicles of the Department of Revenue. The requirement would apply when the driver's license is in the licensee’s immediate possession at the time of the demand.

Background

The bill was requested by a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs’ Association, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association.

At the hearing of the House Committee on Transportation, proponent testimony was provided by the representative of the three above-named organizations. A representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities provided written-only proponent testimony. Proponents stated some individuals display but refuse to allow an officer to handle their driver’s licenses; however, physically examining the license is important to establish its authenticity. They also noted a driver’s license is used in certain electronic ticket systems to accurately transfer information and stated officer safety is enhanced when the officer can record driver’s

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license information inside the officer’s vehicle rather than when exposed to traffic. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Revenue. The Judicial Branch estimates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the courts, and the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training estimates no fiscal effect on law enforcement operations. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.