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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 13, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 462

SB 462 authorizes the director of vehicles to waive the skills test requirements for a commercial driver’s license (CDL) for applicants that qualify for a knowledge test waiver under the military even exchange program.

SB 462 amends the Kansas uniform commercial drivers’ license act (Act), and specifically K.S.A. 8-2,133. K.S.A. 8-2,133 generally requires an applicant for a Kansas CDL to be a resident of Kansas, and to pass a knowledge and skills test that complies with federal standards for driving a commercial motor vehicle. Under K.S.A. 8-2,133, the director of vehicles may waive the skills test for an applicant who provides evidence of military commercial vehicle driving experience.

SB 462 would amend K.S.A. 8-2,133 to authorize the director of vehicles to additionally waive the skills test for applicants who provide evidence that they qualify for a knowledge test waiver under the military even exchange program. The military even exchange program allows a military member to exchange a military license for a CDL and waive the knowledge test if they have a certain occupational specialty or classification from their military service and qualify for the military skills test waiver.

The Senate Committee on Transportation recommended the bill be passed and the Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill 40-0. SB 462 is identical to HB 2679, which was passed out of this committee and passed the House Committee of the Whole 120-0.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.