

Approved:

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Anthony Hensley - excused

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ann Freeze, Manager Driver's Licenses, Kansas Department of Revenue, proponent

Ray Wilk, Kansas Department of Revenue, proponent

RWB Joephe G Stiles, Assistant Grand Secretary, The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas, proponent

Philip Bradley, Ph.D., lobbyist, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, proponent

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Hearing and possible final action on:

HB 2614—Designating the junction between I-70 and US 183 as the CW2 Bryan J Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB 2614** and, at his request, Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided the Committee with an overview. Mr. Yoza stated this is the same as **SB 335—Designating the junction of I-70 and US 183 as the CW2**

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Bryan J Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange. The Chairperson asked if anyone was in attendance that wished to speak regarding **HB 2614** and, hearing no requests, declared the hearing closed.

HB 2417—Extending the renewal date for individuals whose Kansas driver’s licenses expire on the individual’s 21st birthday

At the request of the Chairperson, Mr. Yoza explained **HB 2417** and stated this bill would amend K.S.A. 2011 Supp 8-247. A proposed amendment was distributed to amend K.S.A. 2011 Supp 8-2,101. The Chairperson recognized Philip Bradley, lobbyist, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 1). Mr. Bradley stated he supports this change, as it would eliminate excuses too often allowed, as underage youth seek to obtain alcohol. **HB 2417** deals with changing the expiration and renewal process for individuals turning 21. The interested parties have worked together to propose a plan that would address concerns and avoid the impending deadlines; thus the Association believes a pre-expire renewal process is the best solution in combating underage drinking. He urged the Committee to consider this bill favorably.

The Chairperson recognized Ted E. Smith, Attorney, Office of the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, to speak in support of **HB 2417**. Mr. Smith addressed concerns of the Committee and answered various questions regarding the process for residents currently residing out-of-state when their license expires. Mr. Smith stated the Division would utilize the Department of Revenue's web site to communicate these changes and the required steps necessary to stay in compliance. He also stated the Department mails, at no charge, a temporary driver's license to residents currently out-of-state when an extension has been approved. The Chairperson asked if anyone had questions for either Mr. Bradley or Mr. Smith, and hearing no requests, declared the hearing closed. The Chairperson asked what the Committee's desire would be regarding working **HB 2417**. *Senator Reitz made a motion to accept the amendment as written. Senator Donovan seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

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Reitz made a motion to recommend the bill as amended favorably for passage. Senator Petersen seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

HB 2432—Providing for a ducks unlimited license plate

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB 2432**. Mark Schlegel, State Chair-Elect, Kansas Ducks Unlimited, provided written testimony only in support of **HB 2432** (Attachment 2). At the request of the Chairperson, Ron Estes, Kansas State Treasurer, addressed the Committee and provided additional information in support of **HB 2432**. Mr. Estes stated the State Treasurer's office needed to have the applicable banking information, before any monies could be passed through; thus the bill would require an amendment. The Chairperson recognized Mr. Yoza and requested he provide the Committee with a brief description of Sub. for **HB 2431—Allowing royalty fees for distinctive license plates to be paid to the county treasurer** and how this bill could potentially impact **HB 2432** and **HB 2499**.

HB 2499—Providing for the Masonic lodge license plate

At the request of the Chairperson, Joephe G. Stiles, Assistant Grand Secretary, The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas, addressed the Committee regarding **HB 2499** (Attachment 3). Mr. Stiles spoke in support of **HB 2499** and stated the funds received from this proposed license plate would be used to support two broad missions: The Grand Lodge charity and the Grand Lodge Library & Museum. After considerable discussion, the Committee tabled action on **HB 2432** and **HB 2499**, until amendments could be drafted and presented for consideration. All parties agreed to amend **HB 2432** and **HB 2499** to include language from Sub. for **HB 2431**. Additionally, **HB 2499** would be amended to change the language on page 1, line 26, from \$20 to \$25. The Committee also discussed combining **HB 2499** and **HB 2432** into a single license plate bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012.

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