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TESTIMONY ON SB 136

March 12, 2013

Chairman Goico, Vice-Chair Osterman, Ranking Minority Meier and committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 136. This bill would place a designation of "VETERAN" on a driver's license or non-driver identification after presentation of the DD Form 214 or equivalent. I was asked to introduce this legislation by a veteran.

The bill originally mirrored the legislation that was introduced in the House. After the hearing in the Senate Transportation committee several amendments were added. The first amendment changed the effective date from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015. This will allow for the Department of Revenue to make the appropriate changes in the computer system for a smooth implementation.

The second amendment deleted the requirement for the word VETERAN to be in the hologram security features. This change caused a dramatic decrease in the fiscal note.

The third amendment added "general discharge under honorable conditions" as an acceptable discharge for the designation. This was suggested for inclusion.

The fourth amendment would allow the Director of Vehicles to assist the Kansas Commission on Veteran Affairs in notifying veterans of benefits and services available. Testimony from the Commission was accepted with their verbiage.

It has been an honor and privilege to work on this legislation. My sincere thanks to Rep. Goico and Rep. Meier for their hard work. The Senate passed this bill by a vote of 40-0. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at the appropriate time.

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Date: MARCH 19, 2013

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