



## TESTIMONY

### Senate Transportation Committee

Senate Bill No. 215

February 24, 2015

Chairman Peterson and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer. Thank you for considering my written testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 215. It is written with the support of the Kansas County Treasurer's Association.

This amendment changes current legislation and provides statutory basis to allow a printed, paid receipt to temporarily validate current registration without placement of the license plate decal, for ten (10) days following the immediate previous registration period expiration date. The receipt is generated as a result of a current vehicle registration renewal transaction that has been processed in an online or electronic manner approved by the State of Kansas Department of Revenue. Therefore, the receipt is printed at the customer's desired location at their desired time of day. The decal is then produced in the vehicle registration office, after the fact, and mailed to the owner of record.

There are various reasons that customers process their vehicle transactions in the days directly preceding their registration expiration dates, whether that be electronically or in person in an office. This results in an influx of transaction activity in the County Treasurer's vehicle registration offices toward the end of each month. I believe County Treasurers and staff routinely make every effort to get renewed registration decals and documents sent out as quickly as possible, however, reality is that it takes time to accomplish. This proposed solution gives the customer an option instead of spending their valuable time standing in line in an office to receive the registration decal during these high activity days.

Additionally, this proposed legislation gives the Kansas motoring public a temporary legal option for valid registration in lieu of the license plate decal, eliminating the concern of the possibility that a citation could be issued them by law enforcement for not displaying the proper registration decal while the vehicle is operated on a public roadway. Law enforcement representatives have been consulted in the process of creating this proposal and they are in support of the effort.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask for your support and passage of this bill. It allows Kansas vehicle owners to manage their time and money on their schedules, as they should be allowed. As people take advantage of this option, it also allows County Treasurers and staffs to refocus attention to the automated processes, which decreases the demand on resources. Kansas County Treasurers continue to strive to provide all Kansans with excellent, timely, and impartial customer service. Thank you, again, for allowing me this opportunity and for considering my testimony when reflecting on this bill favorably for passage.