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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

Date: March 15, 2022

Subject: House Bill No. 2597

Summary

House Bill No. 2597 provides for four new distinctive license plates for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Each plate would depict and promote one of the following:

- (1) State parks;
- (2) hunting;
- (3) fishing; and
- (4) nongame wildlife.

Each plate would be subject to the 250 initial plate commitment and payment of up to \$5,000 in development costs as such requirements are set forth in K.S.A. 8-1,141. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, with the Division of Vehicle's approval, would be able to assist with the designs of the plates.

Additionally, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks would be able to set an annual royalty payment in the amount of \$40 up to \$100 for the plates. The royalty payments would be distributed as follows:

- (1) For license plates depicting "state parks", the entire annual wildlife and parks license plate royalty payment shall be credited to the parks fee fund; and
- (2) for license plates depicting "hunting", "fishing" and "nongame wildlife" an amount equal to the current cost of an annual park and recreation motor vehicle permit that is established according to K.S.A. 8- 134, and amendments thereto, shall be

credited to the parks fee fund and the balance remaining shall be credited to the wildlife fee fund.

Any motor vehicle issued a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks license plate would permit the driver of the motor vehicle the rights and obligations to enter a state park as if the driver were an annual park permit holder as long as the vehicle:

- (1) Is currently registered and such registration is not expired; and
- (2) has been issued a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks license plate and the vehicle displays such plate on the motor vehicle as required by law.