

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 142

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 142 would require the driver of a vehicle approaching a stopped vehicle displaying hazard warning signal lamps, road flares, or caution signals to proceed with caution and change lanes away from the stopped vehicle if it is possible and safe to do so. These provisions would be added to the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways.

The bill would add a fine of \$75 for unlawful passing of a stationary vehicle to the uniform fine schedule for traffic infractions.

Background

SB 142 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of AAA Kansas.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives from AAA Kansas, Kansas Department of Transportation, and Kansas Highway Patrol provided **proponent** testimony. Proponents stated the bill would require approaching motorists to move over for all stopped vehicles, as required in current law for stopped emergency, waste collection, and

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utility or telecommunications vehicles. This would add to the safety of motorists stopped on the side of the highway.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Safe Kids Kansas and the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Policy, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee passed the bill favorably out of the committee.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a new traffic violation, but an accurate estimate on the fiscal effect of the expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given until the courts operate under the bill's proposed changes. The bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines, which would be deposited into the State General Fund.

The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates that the bill would have negligible fiscal effect on expenditures.

The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that that bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Any fiscal impact associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governors' Budget Report*.

Transportation; Highway; Move Over; Fines