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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2034

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2034 would increase the maximum lawful speed limit from 70 miles per hour (mph) to 75 mph on any separated multilane highway, as designated by the Secretary of Transportation. The bill would increase 70 mph to 75 mph in two additional statutes: a violation of a speed limit of 55 mph up to 75 mph (increased from 70 mph) by not more than 10 mph could not be construed as a moving violation, nor could it be reported by the Division of Vehicles to an insurance company or considered by any insurance company in determining the rate to be charged for an automobile liability insurance policy.

Background

Representative Marvin Kleeb testified in favor of the bill. No other testimony was offered.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to increase 70 to 75 the speed limits noted in statutes related to violations excluded from being construed as moving violations and not to be considered for liability insurance.

In sections of law not amended by the bill, the Secretary of Transportation has the authority to establish a lower speed limit for a specific route, and the Kansas Turnpike Authority has the authority to set maximum and minimum speed limits for the Turnpike.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, the Kansas Department of Transportation said passage of this bill would require modification to highway signs, at a cost of \$16,500 to \$24,750.