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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 506

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 506 would authorize a Kansas Down syndrome awareness distinctive license plate for issuance on or after January 1, 2023, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

The bill would authorize the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society (Society) to authorize the use of its logo to be affixed on these license plates.

The bill would require the owner or lessee to pay the Society or the county treasurer a logo use royalty fee of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100 annually per plate.

The bill would require an applicant to apply at least 60 days prior to a person's renewal of registration date, on a form provided by the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue. The applicant would have to provide either the annual logo use authorization statement from the Society, or pay to the county treasurer the logo use royalty payment.

This license plate would not be transferable to another person; however, the bill would authorize the Director of Vehicles to transfer the license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

The bill would require the Society to provide an electronic mail address where applicants can contact the

*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>

organization for information regarding the application process.

The plate would be designed by the Society, with the approval of the Director of Vehicles.

Under continuing law, Kansas Down syndrome awareness license plates would not be issued unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250 license plates, and the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society would be required to submit a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000 to defray costs of the Division of Vehicles for developing the distinctive license plate.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Bowers.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Society. She spoke to her personal experience in having a child with Down syndrome, as well as the number of requests the Society has received for these distinctive license plates. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the license plate designation from the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society license plate to the Kansas Down syndrome awareness license plate.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department of Revenue estimates that enactment of the bill would increase

expenditures by \$2,280 in FY 2023 for administrative costs related to designing and manufacturing the new plate, and would increase revenue to the State Highway Fund by \$9,812.50 and to the county treasurers by \$187.50 assuming 250 such license plates are issued. The bill would also increase revenues to the Distinctive License Plate Fund from the nonrefundable amount to defray costs to develop the license plate. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

License plate; Down syndrome; vehicle