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HOUSE BILL No. 2200

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Hoye

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AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to the storage of firearms in unattended vehicles; creating a traffic infraction for leaving a firearm in an unattended vehicle without securely storing such firearm; providing exceptions and penalties therefor; requiring the office of the attorney general to create certain educational campaign materials; amending K.S.A. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) (1) A person shall not knowingly leave a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the handgun is in a locked, hard-sided container that is placed out of plain view, including a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior, and the container is in any of the following:

(A) A locked vehicle;

(B) the locked trunk of a locked vehicle;

(C) a locked truck-camper; or

(D) a locked recreational vehicle.

(2) A person shall not knowingly leave a firearm that is not a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the firearm is in a locked hard-sided or locked soft-sided container, including a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior, and the container is in any of the following:

(A) A locked vehicle;

(B) the locked trunk of a locked vehicle;

(C) a locked truck-camper; or

(D) a locked recreational vehicle.

(3) A firearm that is not a handgun that is stored in a soft-sided container shall have a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device properly engaged so as to render the weapon inoperable while stored in such soft-sided container.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, a locked glove compartment or the locked center console of a vehicle is considered a locked hard-sided container.

(b) Subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall apply to any unattended vehicle located on:

(1) A highway;
(2) public property;
(3) private property open to the public; or
(4) a parking lot or parking facility.
(c) Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) shall not apply to:
(1) The storage or keeping of any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system manufactured in or before the year 1898 or to any replica of any such firearm, rifle or shotgun if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition;
(2) the storage of a firearm that is not a handgun in a vehicle that is being used by a person for agricultural purposes, and such vehicle is being operated on the person's private farm or ranch;
(3) a law enforcement officer;
(4) a person who holds a valid Kansas or nonresident hunting license who is engaged in lawful hunting activities;
(5) a person engaged in the instruction of a hunter education course pursuant to K.S.A. 32-920 through 32-924, and amendments thereto; and
(6) an active member of the United States armed forces while on duty.
(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a person who is considered to have a disability and stores a firearm in a locked soft-sided container does not violate subsection (a) with respect to the secure storage of the firearm that is in the locked soft-sided container.
(e) A person who reports a lost or stolen firearm that was lost or stolen as a result of a violation of subsection (a) shall be immune from any fines or penalties for violating subsection (a) if such person reports the lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours of such firearm being lost or stolen.
(f) The office of the attorney general, in coordination with the Kansas highway patrol, shall conduct a secure storage of firearms in vehicles educational campaign. Such campaign shall require the creation of:
(1) A public page on the office of the attorney general's concealed carry permit website that includes information about the unlawful storage of a firearm in an unattended vehicle as described in subsection (a); and
(2) a notice to be displayed on the premises of a licensed firearms dealer, designed to be printed with each letter on the notice being a minimum of one inch in height with black letters on a white background and containing the following text:
NOTICE: Unlawful storage of a firearm in an unattended vehicle may result in a fine.
(g) Every licensed firearms dealer shall post, in a conspicuous location on its premises and at any other location where the dealer sells a firearm, the notice developed by the office of the attorney general pursuant

to subsection (f) or a substantially similar warning notice containing information on the unlawful storage of a firearm in an unattended vehicle.

(h) As used in this section:

(1) "Agricultural purposes" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 50-624, and amendments thereto;

(2) "disability" means, with respect to a person:

(A) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities;

(B) a record of having such an impairment; or

(C) being regarded as having such an impairment;

(3) "firearm" means any weapon designed or having the capacity to propel a projectile by force of an explosion or combustion;

(4) "handgun" means:

(A) A pistol or revolver that is designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and that is designed to fire or capable of firing a fixed cartridge ammunition; or

(B) any other weapon that is designed to or will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and fired by the use of a single hand;

(5) "recreational vehicle" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 75-1212, and amendments thereto.

(i) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-2118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2118. (a) A person charged with a traffic infraction shall, except as provided in subsection (b), appear at the place and time specified in the notice to appear. If the person enters an appearance, waives right to trial, pleads guilty or no contest, the fine shall be no greater than that specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs shall be taxed as provided by law.

(b) Prior to the time specified in the notice to appear, a person charged with a traffic infraction may enter a written appearance, waive right to trial, plead guilty or no contest and pay the fine for the violation as specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs provided by law. Payment may be made in any manner accepted by the court. The traffic citation shall not have been complied with if the payment is not honored for any reason, or if the fine and court costs are not paid in full. When a person charged with a traffic infraction makes payment without executing a written waiver of right to trial and plea of guilty or no contest, the payment shall be deemed such an appearance, waiver of right to trial and plea of no contest.

(c) The following uniform fine schedule shall apply uniformly throughout the state but shall not limit the fine that may be imposed following a court appearance, except an appearance made for the purpose

of pleading and payment as permitted by subsection (a). The description of offense contained in the following uniform fine schedule is for reference only and is not a legal definition.

Description of Offense	*Statute*	*Fine*
Unsafe speed for prevailing conditions	8-1557	$75
Exceeding maximum speed limit; or speeding in zone posted by the state department of transportation; or speeding in locally posted zone	8-1558 to 8-1560 8-1560a or 8-1560b	1-10 mph over the limit, $45 11-20 mph over the limit, $45 plus $6 per mph over 10 mph over the limit; 21-30 mph over the limit, $105 plus $9 per mph over 20 mph over the limit; 31 and more mph over the limit, $195 plus $15 per mph over 30 mph over the limit;
Disobeying traffic control device	8-1507	$75
Violating traffic control signal	8-1508	$75
Violating pedestrian control signal	8-1509	$45
Violating flashing traffic signals	8-1510	$75
Violating lane-control signal	8-1511	$75
Unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device	8-1512	$45
Driving on left side of roadway	8-1514	$75
Failure to keep right to pass oncoming vehicle	8-1515	$75
Improper passing; increasing speed when passed	8-1516	$75
Improper passing on right	8-1517	$75
Passing on left with insufficient clearance	8-1518	$75
Driving on left side where curve, grade, intersection railroad crossing, or obstructed view	8-1519	$75

Driving on left in no-passing zone	8-1520	$75
Unlawful passing of stopped emergency vehicle	8-1520a	$75
Driving wrong direction on one-way road	8-1521	$75
Improper driving on laned roadway	8-1522	$75
Following too close	8-1523	$75
Improper crossover on divided highway	8-1524	$45
Failure to yield right-of-way at uncontrolled intersection	8-1526	$75
Failure to yield to approaching vehicle when turning left	8-1527	$75
Failure to yield at stop or yield sign	8-1528	$75
Failure to yield from private road or driveway	8-1529	$75
Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1530	$195
Failure to yield to pedestrian or vehicle working on roadway	8-1531	$105
Failure to comply with restrictions in road construction zone	8-1531a	$45
Disobeying pedestrian traffic control device	8-1532	$45
Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk; pedestrian suddenly entering roadway; passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian at crosswalk	8-1533	$75
Improper pedestrian crossing	8-1534	$45
Failure to exercise due care in regard to pedestrian	8-1535	$45
Improper pedestrian movement in crosswalk	8-1536	$45
Improper use of roadway by pedestrian	8-1537	$45

Soliciting ride or business on roadway	8-1538	$45
Driving through safety zone	8-1539	$45
Failure to yield to pedestrian on sidewalk	8-1540	$45
Failure of pedestrian to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1541	$45
Failure to yield to blind pedestrian	8-1542	$45
Pedestrian disobeying bridge or railroad signal	8-1544	$45
Improper turn or approach	8-1545	$75
Improper "U" turn	8-1546	$75
Unsafe starting of stopped vehicle	8-1547	$45
Unsafe turning or stopping, failure to give proper signal; using turn signal unlawfully	8-1548	$75
Improper method of giving notice of intention to turn	8-1549	$45
Improper hand signal	8-1550	$45
Failure to stop or obey road crossing signal	8-1551	$195
Failure to stop at railroad crossing stop sign	8-1552	$135
Certain hazardous vehicles failure to stop at railroad crossing	8-1553	$195
Improper moving of heavy equipment at railroad crossing	8-1554	$75
Vehicle emerging from alley, private roadway, building or driveway	8-1555	$75
Improper passing of school bus; improper use of school bus signals	8-1556	$315
Improper passing of church or day-care bus; improper use of signals	8-1556a	$195
Impeding normal traffic by slow speed	8-1561	$45

Speeding on motor-driven cycle	8-1562	$75
Speeding in certain vehicles or on posted bridge	8-1563	$45
Improper stopping, standing or parking on roadway	8-1569	$45
Parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area	8-1571	$45
Improper parking	8-1572	$45
Unattended vehicle	8-1573	$45
Improper backing	8-1574	$45
Driving on sidewalk	8-1575	$45
Driving with view or driving mechanism obstructed	8-1576	$45
Unsafe opening of vehicle door	8-1577	$45
Riding in house trailer	8-1578	$45
Unlawful riding on vehicle	8-1578a	$75
Improper driving in defiles, canyons, or on grades	8-1579	$45
Coasting	8-1580	$45
Following fire apparatus too closely	8-1581	$75
Driving over fire hose	8-1582	$45
Putting glass, etc., on highway	8-1583	$105
Driving into intersection, crosswalk, or crossing without sufficient space on other side	8-1584	$45
Improper operation of snowmobile on highway	8-1585	$45
Parental responsibility of child riding bicycle	8-1586	$45
Not riding on bicycle seat; too many persons on bicycle	8-1588	$45
Clinging to other vehicle	8-1589	$45
Improper riding of bicycle on roadway	8-1590	$45
Carrying articles on bicycle; one hand on handlebars	8-1591	$45
Improper bicycle lamps,	8-1592	$45

brakes or reflectors		
Improper operation of motorcycle; seats; passengers, bundles	8-1594	$45
Improper operation of motor cycle on laned roadway	8-1595	$75
Motorcycle clinging to other vehicle	8-1596	$45
Improper motorcycle handlebars or passenger equipment	8-1597	$75
Motorcycle helmet and eye-protection requirements	8-1598	$45
Unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicle	8-15,100	$75
Unlawful operation of low-speed vehicle	8-15,101	$75
Littering	8-15,102	$115
Disobeying school crossing guard	8-15,103	$75
Unlawful operation of micro utility truck	8-15,106	$75
Failure to remove vehicles in accidents	8-15,107	$75
Unlawful operation of golf cart	8-15,108	$75
Unlawful operation of work-site utility vehicle	8-15,109	$75
Unlawful display of license plate	8-15,110	$60
Unlawful text messaging	8-15,111	$60
Unlawful passing of a waste collection vehicle	8-15,112	$45
Unlawful operation of electric-assisted scooter	8-15,113	$45
Unlawful passing of a utility or telecommunications vehicle	8-15,114	$105
Unlawful storage of firearm in unattended vehicle	*section 1*	*$100*
Equipment offenses that are not misdemeanors	8-1701	$75
Driving without lights when needed	8-1703	$45

Defective headlamps	8-1705	$45
Defective tail lamps	8-1706	$45
Defective reflector	8-1707	$45
Improper stop lamp or turn signal	8-1708	$45
Improper lighting equipment on certain vehicles	8-1710	$45
Improper lamp color on certain vehicles	8-1711	$45
Improper mounting of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1712	$45
Improper visibility of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1713	$45
No lamp or flag on projecting load	8-1715	$75
Improper lamps on parked vehicle	8-1716	$45
Improper lights, lamps, reflectors and emblems on farm tractors or slow-moving vehicles	8-1717	$45
Improper lamps and equipment on implements of husbandry, road machinery or animal-drawn vehicles	8-1718	$45
Unlawful use of spot, fog, or auxiliary lamp	8-1719	$45
Improper lamps or lights on emergency vehicle	8-1720	$45
Improper stop or turn signal	8-1721	$45
Improper vehicular hazard warning lamp	8-1722	$45
Unauthorized additional lighting equipment	8-1723	$45
Improper multiple-beam lights	8-1724	$45
Failure to dim headlights	8-1725	$75
Improper single-beam headlights	8-1726	$45
Improper speed with alternate lighting	8-1727	$45

Improper number of driving lamps	8-1728	$45
Unauthorized lights and signals	8-1729	$45
Improper school bus lighting equipment and warning devices	8-1730	$45
Unauthorized lights and devices on church or day-care bus	8-1730a	$45
Improper lights on highway construction or maintenance vehicles	8-1731	$45
Defective brakes	8-1734	$45
Defective or improper use of horn or warning device	8-1738	$45
Defective muffler	8-1739	$45
Defective mirror	8-1740	$45
Defective wipers; obstructed windshield or windows	8-1741	$45
Improper tires	8-1742	$45
Improper flares or warning devices	8-1744	$45
Improper use of vehicular hazard warning lamps and devices	8-1745	$45
Improper air-conditioning equipment	8-1747	$45
Improper safety belt or shoulder harness	8-1749	$45
Improper wide-based single tires	8-1742b	$75
Improper compression release engine braking system	8-1761	$75
Defective motorcycle headlamp	8-1801	$45
Defective motorcycle tail lamp	8-1802	$45
Defective motorcycle reflector	8-1803	$45
Defective motorcycle stop lamps and turn signals	8-1804	$45

Defective multiple-beam lighting	8-1805	$45
Improper road-lighting equipment on motor-driven cycles	8-1806	$45
Defective motorcycle or motor-driven cycle brakes	8-1807	$45
Improper performance ability of brakes	8-1808	$45
Operating motorcycle with disapproved braking system	8-1809	$45
Defective horn, muffler, mirrors or tires	8-1810	$45
Unlawful statehouse parking	75-4510a	$30
Exceeding gross weight of vehicle or combination	8-1909	Pounds Overweight up to 1000.....$40 1001 to 2000.....3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000.....5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500.....7¢ per pound 7501 and over.....10¢ per pound
Exceeding gross weight on any axle or tandem, triple or quad axles	8-1908	Pounds Overweight up to 1000.....$40 1001 to 2000.....3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000.....5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500.....7¢ per pound 7501 and over.....10¢ per pound
Failure to obtain proper registration, clearance or to have current certification	66-1324	$287
Insufficient liability insurance for motor carriers	66-1,128 or 66-1314	$137
Failure to obtain interstate motor fuel tax author-	79-34,122	$137

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No authority as private or common carrier	66-1,111	$137
Violation of motor carrier safety rules and regulations, except for violations specified in K.S.A. 66-1,130(b)(2), and amendments thereto	66-1,129	$115

(d) Traffic offenses classified as traffic infractions by this section shall be classified as ordinance traffic infractions by those cities adopting ordinances prohibiting the same offenses. A schedule of fines for all ordinance traffic infractions shall be established by the municipal judge in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-4305, and amendments thereto. Such fines may vary from those contained in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(e) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) shall be doubled if a person is convicted of a traffic infraction, which is defined as a moving violation in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, committed within any road construction zone as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and amendments thereto.

(f) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined $1^1/_2$ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a third violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years, after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined two times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a fourth and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after three prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined $2^1/_2$ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(g) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) relating to exceeding the maximum speed limit, shall be doubled if a person is convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit in a school zone authorized under K.S.A. 8-1560(a)(4), and amendments thereto.

(h) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, within five years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction, shall be fined $750 for the second violation. For a third and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, within five years after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction, shall be fined $1,000 for the third and each succeeding violation.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2118 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.