ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 1972

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 510 S at 2:45 P. M. on February 24, 1972. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Ratner, Dugan, Gray, Hughes and Ossmann.

Conferees were: Dick Brewster, Kansas Motor Car Dealers and Col. W. L. Albott, Kansas Highway Patrol - Senate Bill 496. Senator Storey was invited to appear on Senate Bill 537 but was unable to attend the meeting.

A roster of others who registered their attendance is attached.

SENATE BILL 496 - AN ACT relating to the transfer of ownership of vehicles; amending KSA 1971 Supp. 8-135, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Brewster spoke in favor of the bill and a copy of his statement is attached.

The committee thought the proposed amendments were good. Mr. Davis made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that the <u>amendments be adopted</u>.

The motion carried.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion, second by Mr. Spotts, that Senate Bill 496 be passed as amended.

Mr. Weaver asked that action on the bill be delayed until he could check to be sure the amendments wouldn't put used car dealers out of business.

Chairman Dierdorff asked him to do the checking and report back to the committee on Monday, February 28, 1972, when action will be taken on the bill.

SENATE BILL 537 - AN ACT relating to the uniform motor vehicle

operators' and chauffeurs' license act; concerning examinations in certain cases; amending KSA 8-241, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Hayes made a motion, second by Mr. Wingert, that Senate Bill 537 be reported favorably. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN February 25, 1972

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STATEMENT: Proposed Amendments to Senate Bill #496

BY: Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association

TO: House Committee on Roads and Highways

DATE: February 24, 1972

(1) On page 2, line 2, strike "in the same manner prescribed for non-residents by K.S.A. 1971 Supp. 8-143.", and insert "from the county treasurer, or from a motor vehicle dealer registered pursuant to K.S.A. 8-140."

This change is needed, because the statute cited in the original amendment does not provide that dealers may sell temporary registration permits. Dealers are authorized to sell the permits under another statute. Dealers must be able to sell them in order for buyers to move their new vehicle from the dealers' premises.

Please note that further down on page 2, line 8, a provision begins allowing a buyer to put his old plates on his new car, and not buy a temporary permit if he has old plates which are current at the time.

(2) On page 3, line 28, insert the following language between the words "reverse side" and "two (2) forms ..." --- "blank spaces so that an abstract of mileage as to each owner will be available. The seller at the time of each sale shall insert the mileage on the form filed for application or reassignment of title, and the department shall insert such mileage on the certificate of title when issued to purchaser or assignee; and said reverse side shall also contain ..."

This change conforms with the purpose of Senate Bill 545, reported out of the Senate Transportation and Utilities Committee for passage. The Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association strongly supports this amendment. We believe it

will strengthen the present Kansas law against turning back the mileage indicator on motor vehicles. At present, it is unlawful to set the odometer back, but enforcement of the law is difficult because it is not easy to discover a violation. Discovery will become more difficult in the near future, since the manufacturers of motor vehicles have reduced the warranty period on new vehicles. We believe that customers rely upon the mileage as an indication of the value of a used motor vehicle they contemplate purchasing. They should be able to rely on that factor, without constant worry that it has been tampered with. This amendment will make it more difficult to violate the law without being discovered.

(3) The final amendment of Senate Bill 496 is to correct a printing error. Page 7 at the end of line 30, insert the word "transferor."

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