Approved: February 21, 2007

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on February 1, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Maggie Breen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on <u>HB 2041- 95th division the iron men of Metz highway, highway designation</u>.

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes, said the subject matter was handled in 2004. There were a number of military road named that year. The highway was named, in the legislation, according to what was requested at the time. However, when the 95th division got their money together they indicated they wanted the highway to be identified with a different name. The bill has the corrected name. He talked to a representative of the 95th Division Foundation who was delighted that a bill was in progress to change the name to the desired one. (Attachment 1)

As there were no additional conferees, Senator Donovan closed the hearing on HB 2041.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass the bill out favorably for passage and put on the consent calendar. Senator Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on SB 147-Disabled veterans license plates, defining disabled veterans.

He said the bill was requested by Senator McGinn. A constituent wrote a letter (<u>Attachment 2</u>) and asked her to change the definition of disabled from 100% down to 50% or more, for the purpose obtaining tax exempt licenses plates. She was unable to attend the hearing so requested the Chairman explain the bill. He said when he saw the fiscal note he asked Carmen Alldritt to testify as to how these tags work and what fees are paid or not paid. He said Carmen also brought information as to all the speciality tags that are being issued and the related fees.

Carmen Alldritt, said as of yesterday, there are approximately 2,125 of disabled veteran's plates on the road. A individual brings a certification which qualifies them as being 100% disabled. They pay the property tax on their vehicle but no registration fee which is about \$33 on a car and \$43 on a pickup. They do pay the 50 cents reflectorized plate fee. The current policy is they receive one free plate. If they want additional ones, there is a charge. They have no idea how much changing the qualification requirement from 100% disability to 50% disability and up will bump up the numbers on the disabled veteran's plates. Currently the count of regular veteran's plates on the road is 62,000. Her handout covered fees associated with the various plates being issued. Carmen also mentioned she has a bill in the House that deals with the cost of all license plates. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Donovan pointed out that the Combat Wounded Purple Heart recipients still pay a \$30 registration fee plus \$5 county service fee in addition to the 50 cent reflectorized fee.

Carmen answered various question regarding both regular and the different speciality plates.

As there were no additional conferees, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on <u>SB 147</u>. He also reviewed other bills which are or will be in committee.

Chairman Donovan presented the minutes of January 24, January 25, and January 30 for approval.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Senator Gilstrap seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: February 1, 2007

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5th Division Foundation 5316 S. Douglas Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73150-9704



August 22, 2006

Mr. Bruce Kinzie Revisor of Statues Office State Capitol Building Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Kinzie:

Subject: 95th Division Highway Signs

Legislation passed by the Kansas State Legislature called for signs Honoring the 95th Division. This law has been codified and may be found, I believe, in Section 68-1060.

The board of directors of the 95th Division Foundation has instructed me to ask for help in changing the wording of the sign as stated by this law. We ask that the wording be changed as follows: 95th Division Highway, The Iron Men of Metz. This name was given to our Division by Lieutenant General Heinrich Kittel, Germann Army Commandant of the fortress city of Metz, France because of the courage and determination shown when the Division stormed and captured the city. All members of the Division now proudly wear a crest inscripted with that title.

Any help that you can give to having the wording changed will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Bodnar, 408 W. Nimitz St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624 ph:830-997-4917. E-mail: bodnar@ktc.com

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CREATION OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The 1944 Louisiana Legislature, at the request of various Veterans' Organizations, approved Act 98 which created our Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of administering the affairs of all veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States entitled to benefits in accordance with the laws of the United States and the states thereof.

This law has been amended and re-enacted several times over the years. The statutes are now cited as Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs laws and are reflected in Section 251 through 261, Title 29, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

FOREWORD

d following is a resume of Laws passed by various Louisiana Legislature assemblies pertaining to benefits afforded veterans and their dependents in this State.

STATE BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR LOUISIANA VETERANS

The State Aid Program - Dependents Educational Assistance. Section 288 of Title 29 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 has been amended and re-enacted to provide financial aid for children and surviving spouses of certain veterans of this state who died in service in the Armed Forces of the United States or died of a service connected disability incurred during a wartime period.

The law provides the same benefits for those children of living veterans who are rated 90% or above disabled, including 100% individual unemployability, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "Schedule for Rating Disabilities", as a result of a disability or disabilities incurred in service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The law further requires that the deceased veteran must have been a resident of the State of Louisiana for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding his entry into service. The living veteran must have resided in the state not less than twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the child's admission into the Program.

The surviving spouse must use this Program within ten (10) years of the date eligibility is established. A child must be between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-five (25).

The eligible person may attend any state supported college, university, trade or vocational technical school and are exempt from paying tuition and school imposed fees, such as laboratory, athletic, medical, nonresident or other special fees. Student imposed fees are not exempt. Students are eligible for four (4) years of schooling to be completed in not more than five (5) years. A small cash allowance is paid if funds are available.

Contact your local Parish Veterans Service Office for more information or to apply for the State Educational Assistance Program.

VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING STATE APPROVING AGENCY

Congress passed the legislation for Chapter 36 of Title 38 U.S.C. 38. The State Approving Agency's mission is to conduct inspection/approval, supervision and provide technical assistance to those programs of education pursued by veterans and other eligible persons receiving educational benefits under Title 38, U.S. Code and Title 10, U.S. Code Chapter 1606. The goals are to ensure that all programs of education, job training, and flight schools are available to veterans and other eligible persons.

FREE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

Act 417 amends and re-enacts Subsection F of Section 104 and Subsection C of Section 333 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to provide disabled veterans

FREE "X-POW" LICENSE PLATES

121 of the Louisiana Legislature amends Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to provide for the issuance of special license plates to those veterans who were former Prisoners-of-Wars during a Wartime period as defined by R.S. 29:251.2.

The plates are issued without charge and contain the designation of "X-POW" followed by an appropriate number.

The plates are not subject to renewal requirements by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, and they are issued upon application to any former Prisoner-of-War in lieu of the regular motor vehicle registration license plates. The application must be accompanied by appropriate verification of the veteran's status as a former Prisoner-of-War.

The plates are permanent and may be transferred from one hicle to another, provided the Louisiana Department of Public Safety is furnished the necessary information on the other vehicle. More than one plate may be issued to each eligible veteran. This plate may be retained and used by the surviving spouse in the event of the death of the X-POW (Act 824, 1985 Regular Session).

Applications for the above mentioned benefits may be obtained at your local Parish Veterans Service Office.

SPECIAL PRESTIGE LICENSE PLATES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND RETIREES

The Louisiana Legislature has authorized the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue prestige license plates to certain Louisiana veterans and retired (military) veterans. These plates will be issued for use on any privately-owned passenger car, pickup truck, or van of the veteran applicant. The cost of these plates are the same as the regular issue. Contact the Office of Motor Vehicles to obtain a detailed list of these prestige plates and the requirements for issuance thereof.

VETERANS CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE (EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE)

Article X, of the Louisiana Constitution provides a five-point preference in original appointments to persons honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States who served between the following dates of wartime service:

April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918
September 27, 1940, through July 25, 1947
June 25 1950, through January 31, 1955
July 1, 1958, through May 7, 1975
August 2, 1990, through, date to be determined
(must have been awarded the Southwest Asia Medal)
in a peacetime campaign or expedition if a campaign badge or expeditionary medal is authorized.

Ten points preference in original appointments are accorded

each honorable discharged veteran who served in either war or peacetime and has one or more service connected disabilities established with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans preference also extends to layoffs over other employees of equal lengths of service and efficiency ratings.

THE LOUISIANA WAR VETERANS HOMES

The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs operates two War Veterans Homes. These homes, located in Monroe and Jackson, provide domiciliary and nursing care. The Monroe facility consists of 146 beds. The Jackson home has a 245 bed capacity.

Admission to the Homes is limited to Louisiana war veterans. The applicant must agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the Home. Applicants who have income will be expected to pay for their care as is set forth in the care and maintenance schedule adopted for governing the Home residents. The applicant must undergo an examination to ascertain whether he/she meets the criteria for admission to the

Necessary application forms may be obtained from any of the local Parish Veterans Service Offices or at the Homes. The Home mailing addresses are:

LA War Veterans Home 4739 Highway 10 Jackson, LA 70748 Northeast La. War Veterans Home 6700 Highway 165 North Monroe, LA 71203

(225) 634-5265

(318) 362-4206

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Act 768 of the 1987 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature amended and re-enacted Section 263, Title 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 to provide that any state official charged with the custody of any document required by the Veterans Administration to determine eligibility of any benefits will furnish a certified copy of such document to the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs at request without any charge whatsoever.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGENT ORANGE DIRECTORY

Act 746 of the Regular 1995 Session of the Legislature changed the Family of Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Registry to the Agent Orange Directory. This Act charged the Department of Veterans Affairs, in cooperation with the Veterans Affairs Commission and the state military department, with the responsibility to establish, maintain and promote a public information program on chemical herbicides, defoliants and other causative agents used in the Vietnam conflict.

The Department maintains a central depository containing information on the health effects of exposure and the results of the latest research on the effects. This information is made available to veterans and family members upon request.

assi a service connected permanent disability, rated % or maner and who are Louisiana residents, to be issued enses to fish and hunt free of charge. The law further ovides for free license books, returns, transfer of license and so licenses for scientific or experimental purposes.

le law further provides that persons in the Armed Forces of e United States on active duty, to be given resident ivileges. Applications may be obtained and certified by intacting the local Parish Veterans Service Office.

FREE ENTRANCE TO STATE PARKS

±177 e 1977 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature ovio ______nat any Louisiana resident who is a veteran of the med Forces of the United States and who has suffered the nputation of a limb or who at any time has been awarded an lowance toward the purchase of an automobile by the U.S. overnment or any Louisiana resident who is a veteran of the med Forces of the United States who, as the result of a service nnected disability, has been classified as 50% or more irmanently disabled or permanent and total as a result of non-trvice connected disabilities shall be exempt from paying the 19 use entrance fee to any Louisiana state park. Applications r this exemption may be obtained by contacting the local Parish aterans Service Office.

MILITARY SERVICE RELIEF ACT

evised Statutes 29:401-425 relative to military and veterans fairs provide for employers compensation, leave status, tirement credit, life, health and accident insurance coverage, renployment rights upon release from military service, prohibits gainst academic penalties, deferral of state income taxes, alidar of professional and occupational licenses, and rote of any vacancy in office held by an Elected or ppointed Official, for citizens of Louisiana called to military arvice in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of the nited States. The district court in which the state or its political ubdivision exercises authority or conducts its business shall ave jurisdiction to hear action to enforce the Act.

NATIONAL GUARD TUITION

he Adjutant General of Louisiana-is responsible for the overall olicies, guidance, administration, and proper utilization of this rogram.

or more information, write to: Louisiana National Guard, irect f Personnel Administration, Military Development ect son Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana 70146.

RECORDING OF DISCHARGES

Section 132, Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for, upon presentation of the Discharge Certificate or other evidence, the register of Conveyances shall record in his records, without charge, each Discharge Certificate or other evidence of honorable separation from the Armed Forces of the United States of men and women who have served in these Forces.

FREE "PURPLE HEART" LICENSE PLATES

Revised Statute 47:463.26 provides for the issuance of a Free License Plate for recipients of the "Purple Heart" medal to be used in lieu of the regular motor vehicle registration plates. The recipient may be issued only one plate and such plate shall not be subject to renewal requirements applicable to regular numbered plates. A written request submitted with proof of receiving the Purple Heart should be sent to the Department of Public Safety. The surviving spouse may retain this plate in the event of the recipients death.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION BUREAU P.O. BOX 64886, BATON ROUGE, LA 70896

MOTOR VEHICLE - DISABLED VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, EXEMPTIONS

Subsection B of Section 463 of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and re-enacted by Act 263, Section 1 of the Louisiana Legislature, provides for any amputee or blind veteran of World War II or of service on or after June 27, 1950. who is a Louisiana citizen and who received financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the purchase of an automobile under provisions of Public Law 663 of the 79th Congress as amended, or under Public Law 187 of the 82nd Congress to be exempt from payment of any motor vehicle registration or license tax on such automobile thus received and is also exempt from payment of such tax on each subsequent automobile purchased by him as replacement, so long as it is determined by evidence from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that his disability (disabilities) still meet(s) the requirements which were met originally in establishing his eligibility to an automobile. Fifty percent or more service connected disabled veterans are eligible for the free license plate.

The plates now issued are red, white, and blue in color with the letters "DV" followed by an appropriate number. The license plate is non-transferable to any other individual, but may be transferred from one vehicle to another owned by the veteran, provided the Louisiana Department of Public Safety is furnished the appropriate information concerning the other vehicle. Only one (1) plate may be issued to each eligible veteran. The plates are not subject to renewal requirements by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, and they are issued upon application to any disabled veteran in lieu of the regular motor vehicle registration license plates.

Act Number 150 of the 1986, Louisiana Legislature provides the holders of these plates be accorded the same privileges as holders of special license plates for handicapped persons.

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PLATE TYPE		ANNUAL REGIS'N FEES	SERVICE FEE	TIME ONLY	ONE TIME PERSONALIZED PLATE FEE	OTHER	FEE	500 RESERV'S	TOTAL
		KSA 8-143	KSA 8-145(d)	KSA 8-147	KSA 8-132(c)			KSA 8-1,141	
					KSA 8-1,141				
					(Not a distinctive plate, listed for comparison purposes				
PASSENGER	KSA 8-143	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	only)		N/A	N/A	\$35.50
CARS	K5A 6-145	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0,50	Only)		14/11	1111	455.50
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						antique		Exempt per KSA 8-	
				500-500 (California	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141,	vehicle fee	7074-V70	1,141, tag est. prior to	
ANTIQUE	KSA 8-166	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 7/1/94	KSA 8-167	N/A	7/1/94	\$50.50
(Vehicles over 35 yrs old)	KSA 8-172	(one time)							
						\$5.00			
						antique		Exempt per KSA 8-	
						vehicle fee		1,141, tag est. prior to	
ANTIQUE	KSA 8-166	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	KSA 8-167	N/A	7/1/94	\$90.50
PERSONALIZED	KSA 8-172	(one time)							
								Exempt per KSA 8-	
					Exempt per KSA 8-1,141,			1,141, tag est. prior to	
AMATEUR RADIO	KSA 8-162	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$1.00	N/A	7/1/94	\$36.50
OPERATOR						Fed. Comm. Fee	e		
						20.00 per			
						K.S.A.			
						8-196			
		General Registration fee				(One time			
		\$30 KSA 8-143;				to obtain			
SPECIAL INTEREST 'ehicles 20 yrs old not modified	KSA 8-194	Special Interest				special		Exempt per KSA 8-	
OR veh mfg. prior to 1949	KSA 8-195	Registration fee \$26			Exempt per KSA 8-1,141,	interest		1,141, tag est. prior to	
modified as "street rod")	KSA 8-196	KSA 8-195	\$5.00	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 7/1/94	number)	N/A	7/1/94	\$81.50
MILITARY:									
								Exempt per KSA 8-	
					Exempt per KSA 8-1,141,			1,141, tag est. prior to	
DISABLED VETERAN	KSA 8-161	Exempt per KSA 8-161	N/A	\$0.50	tag est, prior to 7/1/94			7/1/94	\$0.50
US VETERAN	KSA 8-1,146	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141			Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	\$35.50
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EX-POW	KSA 8-177c	177c	NO	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 7/1/94			7/1/94	\$0.50
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PURPLE HEART	KSA 8-1,140	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 7/1/94			7/1/94	\$35,50
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PEARL	EGA 6 1 100	620.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94			1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$35.50
HARBORSURVIVOR	KSA 8-1,139	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	tag est. prior to 1/1/94			7/1/94	\$33.30
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CHILDREN'S TRUST									\$35.50 Plus
FUND	KSA 8-1,148	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141		\$25 - \$100	Attained	Royalty Fe
FIREFIGHTER	KSA 8-1,155	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		NONE	Attained	\$75.50
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CLASSROOM	KSA 8-1,150	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		\$25 - \$100	Attained	Royalty Fee
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