

SESSION OF 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 210

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 210, as amended, would provide that a county treasurer authorized to accept applications for driver's licenses or administer driver's license examinations be deemed to be acting as an agent of the State of Kansas.

Background

Conferees who testified in favor of the bill included the Smith County Treasurer and the General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of Counties. The Director of Vehicles proposed a clarifying amendment. The Smith County Treasurer explained that implementation of the federal Real ID Act requires all individuals working in the driver's license application process to undergo security clearances. He also said that county treasurers are prepared to bear the costs of the security clearances for their employees performing driver's license renewal services.

The Senate Committee amendment was the result of deliberations between a representative of the county treasurers and the Director of Vehicles. The amendment would keep the language in the bill consistent regarding the county treasurers' role as agents of the state.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that implementation of the Real ID Act requires all individuals working in the driver's license application process to undergo appropriate security clearances. These security

*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>

checks are initiated through the Kansas Bureau of Investigation at the cost of approximately \$54 per person. The agency states that 77 counties currently process driver's license transactions, and SB 210 would affect over 300 county employees across the state. It would cost approximately \$16,200 ($\54×300) to have security clearances performed for these employees. The agency indicates that it has not been determined whether the Division of Motor Vehicles or the counties would bear these costs.