

SESSION OF 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2211**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2211 would authorize the issuance of "Support Our Troops" non-transferable license plates. The distinctive license plates would be available on and after January 1, 2008 to any resident owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles, trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less or motorcycles. The applicant for the distinctive plate would be required to obtain authorization from Kansas Support Our Troops for use of its logo and pay an annual royalty fee of \$35. In addition, the bill would require Kansas Support Our Troops to pay the initial cost of silk-screening; provide county treasurers a toll-free number where applicants can call for information concerning the application process or the status of their license plate application. The Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc., with the approval of the Director of Vehicles, would design the plate. Finally, the bill would require the Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc. to provide an annual audit to the Division of Vehicles showing the total amount of the logo use royalty payments collected and the total amount of moneys which have been expended to support Kansas military families.

**Background**

The Chairman of Support Our Troops, Inc., testified in support of the bill. There were no opponents to the bill.

The Committee of the Whole amendment would require a yearly audit of the Kansas Support Our Troops as noted in the Brief.

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\*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>

The Department of Revenue indicates that the bill, as introduced, would have no effect on the State Highway Fund, as the bill calls for the payment of regular license fee for this new registration. However, Kansas Supports Our Troops, Inc. would be required to submit a \$10,000 fee, which would be collected and deposited in the Distinctive License Plate Fund. The agency states that the cost for producing these plates would be \$3.50 each. However, the Department is unable to estimate the expenditures it would incur in producing these plates, because it is not known how many people would want the plate and be willing to pay the \$35 annual royalty fee.

The bill, as introduced, would require modifications to the Vehicle Information Processing System. The required programming for the bill by itself would be performed by existing agency staff. However, if the combined effect of implementing the bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's programming resources, or if the time for implementing the changes is too short, expenditures for outside contract programmer services beyond the Department's current budget may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of HB 2211 is not accounted for in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.