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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2119**

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**Brief\***

Senate Sub. for HB 2119 would define micro utility trucks and regulate their operation. The bill would define a micro utility truck as a motor vehicle that has the following characteristics and is not a work-site utility vehicle:

- Not less than 48 inches wide;
- With an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 144 inches;
- With an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 1,500 pounds;
- Able to exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured; and
- Manufactured with a metal cab.

The bill would make it unlawful to operate a micro utility truck on any interstate, federal, or state highway (except that a micro utility truck may cross such a highway); within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city; or on any public highway or street unless the vehicle complies with equipment requirements for lamps, brakes, and other miscellaneous equipment (e.g., horns, mufflers).

The bill would include a micro utility truck among non-highway vehicles, and their owners would therefore be required to obtain non-highway titles. Also, on the list of types of

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vehicles that need not be registered, the bill would replace work-site utility vehicles with micro utility trucks.

The bill would amend KSA 2007 Supp. 8-2118 to provide for a fine of \$60 for unlawful operation of a micro utility truck.

### **Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee removed provisions added by the Senate Committee of the Whole that would have regulated golf carts.

### **Background**

The Senate Committee on Transportation replaced the former contents of HB 2119 with the contents of Sub. for HB 2709. The former contents of HB 2119 would have authorized the issuance of non-transferable emergency medical services license plates to applicants who have provided proof to the Director of Vehicles that they are emergency medical services attendants.

During the 2007 Interim, the Special Committee on Transportation recommended that a bill be drafted that would require work-site utility vehicles to meet current safety requirements and that would not authorize work-site utility vehicles to operate on highways or within city limits, except that vehicles could be operated on city streets if so authorized by city governing bodies. Micro utility trucks are a subset of work-site utility vehicles.

Representative Pat George and Senator Dennis Wilson testified before the Senate Committee on Transportation in favor of the Senate Sub. for HB 2119. No opponents testified on the bill. Senator Wilson testified that, because the bill would define a micro utility truck as a vehicle, anyone who sells five or more of these vehicles would come under the Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to add provisions that would have defined golf carts and would have made it unlawful to operate a golf cart except between sunrise and sunset. The amendment further would have made it unlawful to operate a golf cart on any interstate, federal, or state highway; within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city; or on any street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour (except that a golf cart could cross such a street or highway). The bill would have required a golf cart to be equipped with the following equipment: efficient brakes, brake lights, reliable steering apparatus, rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear, and turn signal equipment.

According to the original fiscal note for HB 2709, the Department of Revenue estimated that \$7,040 would be needed for 11 days of contract programmer time to implement the micro utility truck provisions of this bill. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of the bill is not accounted for in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.

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