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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 462**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 462, as amended, would amend current law regarding fees paid by motor carriers by replacing references to repealed federal statute 49 U.S.C. 14504 (the Single State Registration System) with reference to the current federal statute, 49 U.S.C. 14504a (the Unified Carrier Registration System).

**Background**

Current state law requires that motor carriers operating in Kansas, whether their activities are intrastate or interstate, register with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Federal law requires motor carriers operating in interstate or international commerce to register in their home states and pay fees that are divided among the states. The current federal statute gives states the authority to collect motor carrier registration fees under the Unified Carrier Registration System, which replaced the federal Single State Registration System in 2007, as a result of section 4305(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The Kansas Corporation Commission requested and supported the bill. There were no opponents.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to similarly change the name of the fund in the state treasury to which motor carriers' remittances are credited, from the "base state registration clearing fund" to the "unified carrier

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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>

registration clearing fund.”

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that passage of the bill would have a negligible effect on KCC operations and that the amount of revenue collected under the old registration system and the new registration system would be approximately the same.