

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2665**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2665 would allow the Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, to destroy any Kansas driver's license or permit that has been surrendered unless any other statute requires the Division to retain the license or permit. The term, "surrender" would include, but not be limited to, Kansas driver's licenses and permits received by the Division for certain statutory violations.

**Background**

Marcy Ralston, Chief of Driver Control, Division of Vehicles, testified in support of the bill. She noted the following:

- Currently, the Division has approximately 16,000 drivers' licenses in its files;
- The Division receives about sixty drivers' licenses daily but only returns or destroys half that amount per day;
- The Division determines that 50 to 60 percent of the drivers' licenses it returns are to persons who are required to retest, or whose license expired, and must obtain a new license;
- Many licensees do not wait to get back their old license back in the mail before they obtain a new one;

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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>

- Two assistants spend most of their work day checking drivers' files to see if the license can be retained;
- The Division can spend its time better utilizing its resources;
- As of February 8, 2008, the following jurisdictions allow for the destruction of surrendered drivers' licenses: Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Quebec, South Carolina, and Texas; and
- The following states retain the driver's license: Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

No other conferee testified on the bill.

The Department of Revenue estimates that the passage of HB 2665 would increase collections to its Photo Fee Fund by \$166,400 in FY 2009. The Department reports that the Driver Control Bureau processes approximately 400 driver's license reinstatements each business day for licensees who have surrendered their driver's license or permit. The Department estimates that approximately 40.0 percent of those reinstated drivers are required to pay the \$4 photo fee each of the 260 business days during the year. The Department used these estimates to calculate the collection of an additional \$166,400 to its Photo Fee Fund which would, in turn, be paid to the Division's digitized driver's license vendor. Any fiscal effect resulting from this bill is not included in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.