

SESSION OF 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2691

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2691, as amended, would issue a Gold Star Mother license plate to an owner or lessee of (a) one or more passenger vehicles; (b) trucks of a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less; or (c) motorcycles. The bill also would:

- Require the applicant to submit satisfactory proof to the Director of Motor Vehicles that the applicant is the mother of the person who died in good standing on active duty in the military service;
- Prohibit the transfer of registration or distinctive plates to any other person; and
- Waive the \$40 fee imposed on personalized license plates, and other minimum requirements needed to issue the plates.

Background

Ms Anita F. Foster, Wichita, testified in support of the bill. She noted that the Gold Star represents the soldier's ultimate sacrifice for his country. Another conferee, Betty Jean Pulliam, Past National President of the American Gold Star Mother, also expressed support for the bill. Finally, Representative Pat Colloton urged passage of HB 2691. There were no other conferees.

*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 House Transportation Committee would limit the issuance of the Gold Star plates to the mother of a person who died in good standing on active duty in the military service. The original bill would have authorized the issuance of such plates to family members.

The Department of Revenue estimates additional expenditures of \$7,040, for 11 days of contractor programming to implement the new license plate. The agency estimates that the cost for producing the new plate to be around \$6; however, the agency has no way to estimate how many of these license plates would be issued. The agency indicates the cost of production would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect resulting from this bill has not been included in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.