

SESSION OF 2008

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2709**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2709 pertains to micro utility trucks. The bill would:

- Define micro utility truck as any motor vehicle:
  - Not less than 48 inches in width;
  - With an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 144 inches;
  - With a laden weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 1,500 pounds;
  - That does not include a work-site utility vehicle;
  - Can exceed 40 miles per hour as originally manufactured; and
  - Manufactured with a metal cab;
- Exempt micro utility trucks from registration;
- Provide for a \$60 fine for the unlawful operation of a micro utility truck;
- Provide that a micro utility vehicle is a nonhighway vehicle;
- Make it unlawful for any person to operate a micro utility truck on any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway, or within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city; and

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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>

- Prohibit a micro utility truck from operating on any public highway or street, unless the truck complies with the current equipment requirements.

## **Background**

Conferees who testified for the original bill included: Representative Pat George; Representative Josh Svaty; and Senator Dennis Wilson. No conferees testified against the bill.

Sub. for HB 2709 was proposed by Representative George. He said that the substitute bill would help clarify the lawful operations of micro utility trucks.

The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that the number of micro utility vehicles that would be titled and registered is unknown but it is not thought to be significant enough to affect state highway revenues.