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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2188

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2188, as amended, would allow a dealer-hauler full-privilege license plate to be used by a trailer manufacturer or trailer dealer instead of a regular trailer registration and license plate. The bill also would:

- Raise the fee for the full-privilege license plate from \$350.00 to \$350.50;
- Set the fee for a dealer-hauler full-privilege trailer plate at \$350.50;
- Limit the use of dealer-hauler full-privilege license plates to trailers;
- Allow the transfer of the plate from one trailer to another that is owned or is in inventory of the trailer manufacturer or trailer dealer to whom issued;
- Allow the license plate to be used by a trailer manufacturer or trailer dealer to haul nonhighway equipment for demonstration purposes or delivery, if the weight of the trailer and nonhighway equipment does not exceed 85,500 pounds;
- Provide that the appropriate full-privilege license plate would expire on the January 31 next following its issuance, except that the dealer would have until the last day of February of each year within which to make application for renewal; and

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- Provide that the dealer-hauler full-privilege trailer license plate would expire on the January 31 next following its issuance, except that the dealer would have until and including the last day of the February of each year within which to make application for renewal.

Background

HB 2188 was supported by Art Swank, President of Vermeer Great Plains, Inc., Olathe, and Don McNeely, President, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association. Mr. Swank testified that approximately 40 percent of customers buy both the equipment and the trailer at the same time and want a new trailer to haul the new equipment. Under current law, the company must license and register each trailer the company has, regardless of whether that trailer is for resale. This bill would allow the manufacturer to be licensed as a trailer dealer and use the new dealer-hauler full-privilege trailer plate to keep the trailer as a new unit.

There were no other conferees.

The Committee amendment was proposed by Mr. McNeely. He said that amending the bill to align the renewal date with the renewal date for a dealer license would avoid confusion of the expiration dates and assist the Division of Vehicles in the administration of the annual dealer licensing renewal process.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget, the bill would increase local revenues and revenues to the Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Fee Fund by \$1,936 each in FY 2010. The Department estimated a cost of \$3,600 for contract programming time to modify the dealers licensing system and implement the provisions of the bill.