

SESSION OF 2010

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 484**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 484 would allow a 16-year-old holder of a farm permit or restricted license to drive directly to or from any religious service or function held by a religious organization. The bill would define "religious organization."

The bill also would allow an adult who has held a valid class M driver's license for at least a year to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle operated by the holder of an instruction permit or a restricted class M driver's license. Current law allows the adult to ride a motorcycle in proximity to the novice driver.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

Senator Mike Petersen testified as a proponent of the bill. Written testimony was received from a church youth leader.

Written testimony in opposition to the bill was received from representatives of AAA Kansas, Safe Kids Kansas, and Kansas Action for Children. They requested no changes be made to the graduated driver's license law enacted in 2009. The Kansas Department of Transportation submitted neutral written testimony on the bill.

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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>

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to specify that a religious service or function must be held by a religious organization, add a definition of “religious organization,” and remove provisions that would have allowed 14-year-old holders of farm permits and 15-year-old holders of farm permits and restricted driver’s licenses to drive directly to and from any religious service or function. The definition of “religious organization” is very similar to that for a “nonprofit religious organization” under the Bingo Act.

<b>Allowed Driving, By Age</b>			
<b>Driving allowed by a holder of a farm permit or restricted license</b>	<b>age 14 (farm permit only)</b>	<b>age 15</b>	<b>age 16</b>
To or from or in connection with any farm job, employment or farm-related work	yes	yes	yes
On days school is in session, directly to and from school	yes	yes	
When accompanied by an adult driver	yes	yes	yes
From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.			yes
While going to or from authorized school activities			yes
<i>SB 484 would allow, While going directly to or from any religious service or function held by a religious organization</i>			<i>with SB 484</i>

According to the fiscal note, the Department of Revenue indicates the costs associated with implementing this bill would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.