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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 518

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 518 would allow the Kansas Highway Patrol to decide through rules and regulations the amount of the fee associated with the Kansas Vehicle Identification Number Inspection Program. The fee could not exceed \$25. Currently, KSA 8-116(a) requires a \$10 fee for the vehicle inspections. The bill would amend KSA 8-116(d)(2) to clarify the definition of "designee" for purposes of performing inspections. The bill also would increase the portion remitted to the Kansas Highway Patrol from \$1 to 10 percent of the charge when an inspection is performed by a designee.

Background

Representatives of the Kansas Highway Patrol and Division of Motor Vehicles testified in support of SB 518. Representatives from the Kansas Highway Patrol stated that the direct and indirect costs associated with the Kansas Vehicle Identification Number Inspection Program have increased since the inception of the fee in 1984. (The fee has not been increased since 1984.) Additionally, the representative of the Kansas Highway Patrol stated that it has subsidized the cost of the nine trooper positions dedicated to the Program, but would be able to shift the funding for these positions to the Inspection Fee Fund if SB 518 is enacted. Representatives from the Division of Motor Vehicles provided many examples of how the

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Kansas Vehicle Identification Number Program has helped return stolen cars to their rightful owners. There was no opponent testimony.

The original bill would have increased the inspection fee from \$10 to \$20. The Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee amended the bill at the suggestion of Senator Colyer to allow the fee to be set up to \$25 pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Kansas Highway Patrol. The House Committee on Transportation made technical amendments to the portions of the bill dealing with rule and regulation authority and amended the portion to be remitted to the Patrol from \$2 to 10 percent of the charge.

A fiscal note on the original bill indicated that doubling the inspection fee would increase fee revenues by \$1,579,426. The fiscal impact of the amended version is unclear, as the fee amount would be determined by the Kansas Highway Patrol.