

Testimony in Support of SB2 - Authorizing certain individuals with revoked driver's licenses to be eligible for restricted driving privileges.

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Senate Committee on Transportation Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair, Kloos, Ranking Minority Member Corson and Committee members .

Under the Kansas statutes, the Division of Vehicles of the Kansas Department of Revenue (Division) "shall" revoke a driver's license upon certain convictions for involuntary manslaughter, vehicular homicide, battery, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, or conviction of a felony in which a motor vehicle is used. These are serious and driving-related reasons for revoking a license. However, Kansas revokes licenses for matters having nothing to do those serious and dangerous driving related issues.

SENATE BILL 2 would allow someone whose driving privileges have been revoked for failure to comply with a traffic citation to submit a written request for restricted driving privileges to the Division of Motor Vehicles at the Department of Revenue. Enactment of SENATE BILL 2 would allow approximately 3,300 drivers to be eligible for a restricted license. It will give relief to Kansas drivers that apply for hardship, and not have an additional year to wait while paying.

With no legal way to drive people have a hard time getting to work, and people without jobs have a hard time paying debts. I am asking all of you on the Senate Transportation Committee to vote yes on the SENATE BILL 2, and give Kansans the opportunity to get safely back on the road, back to school, and back to work.

Thank you for your time.