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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 5, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 97 As Amended by Senate Committee

Senate Bill 97, as amended by the Senate Committee on Transportation, requires vehicle dealers to obtain a dealer-inventory title for any used all-terrain vehicles, work-site utility vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicle or motorcycles obtained by vehicle dealers.

SB 97 amends K.S.A. 8-198, a statute that provides certain titling for nonhighway vehicles and salvage vehicles. Currently, K.S.A. 8-198 provides that upon the sale or transfer of any nonhighway vehicle or salvage vehicle, any purchaser of such vehicle shall obtain a nonhighway certificate of title or a salvage title, whichever is applicable. There are various titling procedures in K.S.A. 8-198 depending on the type of purchaser, type of vehicle and the title history for the vehicle.

SB 97, as amended by the Senate Committee on Transportation, would add a new type of title called a dealer inventory-only title for vehicle dealers. If a vehicle dealer obtains ownership of a used vehicle that is an ATV, work-site utility vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle or motorcycle and the vehicle would qualify as a nonhighway vehicle, then the dealer shall apply to the county treasurer for a dealer inventory-only title. The fee for a dealer inventory-only title would be \$10. The disposition process for these new title fees would be the same as it is for certificate of titles under K.S.A. 8-145(b).

Senate Transportation amended the bill by inserting the dealer inventory-only title application process and removed changes that were made in the bill as introduced, including removing a section that would have amended K.S.A. 8-2408. The bill was recommended favorably for passage by the committee and was placed on the consent calendar passing 40-0 in the Senate.

The provisions of SB 97 would become effective from and after publication in the statute book, July, 1, 2025.