

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2031

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2031, as amended, would allow a driving school or motorcycle instructor who meets other requirements in continuing law to hold a valid driver's license from any state, not solely a Kansas license as in current law. The bill would require a motorcycle instructor to hold a class M driver's license or motorcycle license equivalent from another state to instruct in Kansas.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Resman on behalf of a constituent.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of ABATE of Kansas and Rawhide Harley Davidson provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents stated there is a shortage of motorcycle driving instructors in Kansas, and this bill would allow instructors who have the required instructor training and credentials through national programs such as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), but who do not hold a Kansas motorcycle license, to teach in Kansas.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by Representative Resman, a representative of Johnson County Community College, and one private citizen.

Neutral testimony was provided by the Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), who suggested the requirement for a driving school instructor to hold a Kansas driver's license be amended to allow driving instructors from other states with the proper certification to be able to instruct in Kansas. They stated this would maintain consistency in the statute for driving school instructors. [Note: The bill, as introduced, would have authorized only a motorcycle instructor to hold a license from another state.]

The House Committee amended the bill to permit a driving school instructor to hold a valid driver's license issued by any state.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of KDOR and Johnson County Community College provided **proponent** testimony, stating that the bill, as amended, would address the driving instructor shortage in Kansas.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make the effective date to be upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDOR and the Department of Transportation indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Driving school instructors; driving school instructor requirements; driver's license; motorcycle instructors; motorcycle instructor requirements; motorcycle license