



KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

TO: Honorable Gary Hayzlett, Chairman Transportation Committee
FROM: Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer & Rep. of KCTA
DATE: February 9, 2012
RE: HB 2431

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the committee, I am here as a representative of the Kansas County Treasurers Association in support of HB 2431, changing the required procedures for educational institutional license plates. This bill makes several positive changes to the current laws governing the issuance of specialty license plates for the various educational institutions in the State of Kansas. The first is giving the County Treasurers the ability to collect the annual fee for the Universities. Many times someone comes into our office and would like one of the specialty plates, but when we tell them they have to get a regular plate first, then give their donation to the University, then bring the form back to us to get the plate, they decide to do it later. Many never do it. This would be a win-win for the Universities and the Treasurers, the Universities would get more donations for scholarships and the Treasurers would be providing good customer service. This was initially brought to our attention when our new President Kirk Schultz came to Kansas State University and was surprised at all of the hoops someone had to go through. We have worked with a committee of representatives from each university, the motor vehicle department and me to work out the best solution for everyone.

The second allows the Treasurer's office to receive a faxed copy of the certification form from the University Alumni Office. Most counties will accept a fax copy, but the current law doesn't specifically allow for that procedure. Sometimes the customer doesn't remember to send in the donation ahead of time and/or bring the form with them to our office. This procedure would give the customer the option to pay the University ahead of time or pay when they come into the Treasurer's office. Thus ensuring the applicable fee has been paid. Many times we have to send customers out for additional documents, so anytime we can eliminate the inconvenience it is appreciated by our staff and the customer.

In conclusion HB 2431 is a benefit to the citizens of the State of Kansas. The Kansas County Treasurers support this bill and look forward to working with the Department of Motor Vehicle to make it happen. We would support including all specialty plates in this legislation and making the process consistent for all specialty plates. Thank you for your time and consideration of supporting HB 2431.