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MIKE SLATTERY 24TH DISTRICT

Support for HB 2417

Chairman Hayzlett and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Under Current Law

- Under current law, Kansans under the age of 21 have vertical oriented driver's licenses. This changes to horizontal orientation upon their 21st birthday.
- These Kansans cannot renew their license until their 21st birthday; however, their license expires on their birthday.
- We have tried to address this problem via a statutory extension that allows Kansans over 21 years old
 to print a section of Kansas statutes that states an extension of their license. However, very few
 establishments in State, and nearly all out-of-State, recognize this statute.

Under HB 2417

- HB 2417 attempts to solve this by extending the expiration date of the license by 6 months.
- After further review with the Director of Driver's Licensing Donna Shelite and Phillip Bradley, the current bill will create more problems for proponents of the current law.

Future Amendment

- Donna Shelite, Phillip Bradley and I discussed a solution for the current problem that HB 2417 sought to solve. This amendment would allow those under 21 to renew their license up to 6 months prior to their 21st birthday. The DMV would delay the mailing of their license until the driver's 21st birthday.
- The proposed amendment would give latitude to Donna's Division in order to write the appropriate rules and regulations to adequately solve this problem.

In Conclusion

I would urge this committee to recommend HB 2417, with the coming amendment, favorable for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

