

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 13, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Harrington

Committee staff present: Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tom Whitaker, Exec. Dir. KMCA
Todd Spencer, Exec, VP OOIDA
Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, KDOR
Robert Longino, Dir. Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
Phillip Bradley, KS Licensed Beverage Assn.

Others attending: See attached list

SB 130: Apportioned registration of fleet vehicles; definitions, converter gears

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, Kansas Motor Carriers Association appeared to request the Committee's favorable consideration of **SB 130**. Kansas is the only state to have an exception to the International Registration Plan (IRP). The IRP is an agreement between all states that allows for apportioned registration of interstate motor carriers. This bill will change the definition of "owner" and eliminate the exception to the IRP. New Section 1 also allows for electronic registration of "converter gear" with a \$1 fee paid for each gear (Attachment 1).

Todd Spencer, Executive Vice-President, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) explained this legislation is needed because when Kansas became part of IRP the enabling legislation did not make provisions that would allow an owner-operator to purchase and IRP plate in their own name while leased to a motor carrier. This places all Kansas resident owner-operator truckers at an economic disadvantage (Attachment 2) He urged support of this needed legislation.

Sheila J. Walker, Director of Vehicles provided information on the extent and advantages of the IRP. The Department of Revenue supports this change, not only because they wish to avoid IRP sanctions, but also because the state may benefit from possible increase in number of vehicles registered. She proposed an amendment regarding "converter gear" to allow for electronic registration for an annual \$1 fee. Carriers need to register so law enforcement in other jurisdictions will find them in compliance (Attachment 3). No spoke in opposition to the bill. Since it seems to solve a real problem, plus having a positive fiscal note, the Chair called for final action. Senator Schodorf moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Schodorf moved to recommend SB 130, as amended, favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 159: Concerning drivers' licenses and identification cards

This bill would implement a vertical format to make drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to persons under the age of 21 more readily recognizable. Sheila J. Walker, Director, Division of Vehicles, KDOR, testified in support of the bill. She explained changes can be made at no additional cost since the effective date coincides with anticipated upgrade to the drivers license system (Attachment 4).

Robert Longino, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, KDOR encouraged passage of this bill as it will provide another useful tool to all who attempt to verify age (Attachment 5). Phillip Bradley, Executive Director, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, represents primarily the "on premise people" those who serve drinks in open containers inside their establishments. Also here informally speaking for Amy Campbell who is quite ill this morning. She represents the off premise retailers, primarily package liquor stores. Both groups are always looking for ways to reduce the chance of and/or actual sales to underage persons. Discussed several ways present cards are illegally used to purchase alcohol. Very happy to support this bill because with the vertical system, a glance can identify an underage ID. Several other states have taken, or are in the process of doing so, this simple step to address the issue (Attachment 6).

Discussion and questions focused on whether or not county treasurers will still be able to issue cards. No new equipment will be need to process these cards. Current local hardware can take the photos which will be electronically forwarded to central processing. Even with the additional mailing cost, this method is still more cost effective. Applicants will receive a temporary card until permanent one is mailed Senator Gooch moved to recommend SB 159 favorable for passage. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the two February 4, 2003 meetings; one at 8:30 a.m. in Room 245-N; the second at 4:20 p.m. at the Rail and the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2003. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2003