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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 390

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 390, as amended, would add two exemptions to law requiring a license plate to be attached to the rear of a motor vehicle. The bill would authorize placement of a license plate on either the front or rear of a motor vehicle used as a concrete truck and would require the license plate issued for a motor vehicle used as a dump truck and having a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or more to be attached to the front of the vehicle.

The bill would require a law enforcement officer to issue a warning citation to anyone violating the provisions relating to a dump truck until January 1, 2021.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Tyson.

In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the American Concrete Company, Inc., and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association provided proponent testimony. The proponents stated a license plate near chutes and other equipment on a concrete mixer truck is at increased risk of being lost or damaged, and replacement tags are an expense to the companies. Representatives of Cornejo & Sons, LLC., Independence Ready Mix, and Monarch Cement Company provided written-only proponent testimony.

^{*}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 http://www.kslegislature.org

A representative of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association provided neutral testimony on numbers of replacement license plates for commercial motor vehicles and suggested two amendments.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by the Colonel of the Kansas Highway Patrol, expressing concern about the effects of inconsistencies of license plate placement on enforcement.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require the license plate for a motor vehicle used as a dump truck to be placed on the front of the vehicle and to require a warning citation be issued for a violation of that requirement until January 1, 2021.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department of Revenue states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.