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Chairman Francis and Committee Members
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House Bill 2267 – allowing for disability tags on adult care home vehicles.

Proponent

Good afternoon, Mister Chairman and Committee Members. I am Linda MowBray, President/CEO of the Kansas Health Care Association and Kansas Center for Assisted Living. We are a trade Association representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home, assisted living, residential health care, home plus, and nursing facilities for mental health communities across the state. We are the oldest nursing home trade association in Kansas and have over 265 member communities. Our members care for nearly 20,000 elders across the state each and every day and employ over 20,000 workers.

We are here today to present testimony supporting HB 2267 - AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to license plates; allowing adult care homes to apply for disability special license plates; amending K.S.A. 8-1,125 and repealing the existing section.

Nursing home vans, assisted living vans, home plus vans; you see them at the hospital, doctors' offices, grocery stores and more. Until recently, all had the ability to apply for and receive a disability license tag. This allowed them to park in larger, more convenient, and disability-enabled parking areas. A recent change in this accommodation has put an end to this practice. While to the letter of the law, adult care homes are not "transportation" companies. We do, however, transport frail individuals to many destinations each and every single day. In fact, we are required to provide transportation for the KanCare residents in our homes.

House bill 2267 simply corrects this. It will once again allow adult care homes to apply for and receive a permanent disability license plate. This is not the hanging placard that could be moved from vehicle to vehicle, but the actual license plate for the vehicle itself.

Please, support HB 2267 for the safe, reliable, common-sense transportation of all residents living in our adult care homes.

Thank you and I'll stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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