

SESSION OF 2014

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 273**

As Agreed to May 1, 2014

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 273 would allow commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) with a gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, gross combination weight, or gross combination weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less operating in intrastate commerce to operate without having to obtain any certificate, license, or permit from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Such vehicles also would be exempt from intrastate CMV safety regulations except for load securement regulations and periodic inspection regulations. Law enforcement officers would be required to issue warning citations regarding load securement until October 1, 2014, and regarding periodic inspection until July 1, 2015.

CMVs of 26,000 pounds or less which are designed or used to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or vehicles used to transport hazardous materials which require a placard would continue to be subject to the certificate, license, or permit requirement and the intrastate CMV safety regulations.

These provisions would expire on July 1, 2015.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to delete the contents of the bill relating to the tools of the trade exemption

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for CMVs, and insert the contents of HB 2777, as amended by the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee amendments specify weight measurement by gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, gross combination weight, and gross combination weight rating and add the load securement, inspection, and sunset provisions.

Background

House Sub. for SB 273, which contained an amended version of HB 2748, would have expanded the tools of the trade exemption of KSA 2013 Supp. 66-1,129(c)(3). As amended by the Conference Committee, the bill would mirror federal CMV safety regulation exemption language in 49 CFR 350.341(a) but would add the inspection and load securement exceptions as allowed by the federal regulation.

The House Committee on Transportation studied the issue of CMV regulations in a hearing on HB 2748. The Senate Committee on Transportation held an informational hearing on vehicle exemptions from motor carrier rules and regulations.

A Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) representative stated the KCC will create a task force to study the issue of intrastate motor carrier safety regulations during the 2014 interim.

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