

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2194**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2194, as amended, would exempt applicants for Class M (motorcycle) driver's licenses who have completed motorcycle safety training in accordance with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) from completing further written and driving testing by the Division of Vehicles. The bill would require an applicant seeking exemption from the written and driving tests to provide a copy of the MSF completion form to the Division of Vehicles prior to receiving a Class M license. The bill would clarify the driving examination required for licensure shall be administered by the Division of Vehicles, the U.S. Department of Defense, or as part of a curriculum recognized by the MSF.

Background

A representative of ABATE of Kansas, Inc., spoke in support of the bill in the hearing of the House Committee on Transportation. He stated the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of Education both recognize curriculum developed by the MSF, which he described as the primary curriculum used in the country, and often use the same instructor.

No other testimony was provided.

*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>

The bill was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on February 21, 2017, and rereferred to the House Committee on Transportation on February 22, 2017.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to exempt those who complete curriculum recognized by the Department of Education from further testing and to remove provisions regarding fees for certain applicants for Class M driver's licenses; the House Committee recommended the amended bill as a substitute bill.

A representative of ABATE of Kansas, Inc., presented proponent testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation in 2018. No other testimony was presented.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to require the curriculum be recognized by the MSF in addition to by the Department of Education, require MSF proof of curriculum completion, clarify driving examination administration, and update statutory references.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to clarify the applicant seeking exemption from the written and driving tests would be required to provide a course completion form, specify the driving examination could be administered as part of the curriculum recognized by the MSF rather than by the Department of Education, and remove provisions regarding Department of Education standards be followed if a course is completed outside of Kansas.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, is not applicable to the substitute bill, as amended. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.