

## **Authorizing Certain 15-year-olds to Drive to Religious Activities; Renewal of Nondriver's Identification Cards; SB 446**

**SB 446** authorizes driving to and from religious activities by 15-year-olds with restricted driver's licenses and authorizes online renewal of nondriver's identification cards under certain circumstances.

### ***Authorizing Certain 15-year-olds to Drive to Religious Activities***

The bill allows a 15-year-old who holds a restricted class C or M driver's license to drive, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., directly to or from any religious activity held by a religious organization.

The bill also authorizes a 16-year-old who holds a restricted class C or M driver's license to drive directly to or from a religious activity, rather than a religious worship service as in current law, under certain circumstances.

"Religious organization" is defined in continuing law in the Motor Vehicle Driver's License Act to mean any organization, church, body of communicants, or group that gathers for religious purposes at a defined place of worship and has a regular schedule of services meeting at least on a weekly basis and has been determined to be organized and created as a *bona fide* religious organization.

### ***Renewal of Nondriver's Identification Cards***

The bill requires the Secretary of Revenue to permit electronic online renewal of nondriver's identification cards under certain circumstances.

The bill prohibits consecutive electronic online renewals, and it requires an applicant to have provided documentation of identity, lawful presence in the country, and Kansas residency. The bill also prohibits online renewal for any person who is a registered offender under the Kansas Offender Registration Act. The determination on whether a renewal application is permitted will be made by the Director of Vehicles or the Director's designee.

The bill authorizes the Division of Vehicles (Division), Department of Revenue, to use its most recent color image and signature image of an applicant for an identification card issued through electronic renewal.

The bill requires the Division to report to the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation regarding the implementation and effects of the online renewal process outlined in the bill before February 1, 2023.

The bill also authorizes use of either a digital color image or photograph or a laser-engraved photograph of the holder on a nondriver's identification card.