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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2127**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2127 would remove statutory requirements for lettering to be painted or otherwise durably marked on the sides of a truck or truck tractor with a registered weight of more than 12,000 pounds to identify the owner or lessee. It also would remove requirements for findings by the Division of Vehicles regarding insignia or trademarks on such a vehicle and associated permits.

**Background**

The bill was requested by a representative of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association (KMCA). At the hearing of the House Committee on Transportation on the bill, the KMCA representative provided proponent testimony and was the sole conferee. The conferee noted federal regulations require any commercial motor vehicle used in interstate commerce to be marked with identification including the legal name or single trade name of the motor carrier and the identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (49 CFR 390.21T), and a state rule and regulation (KAR 82-4-3f, which adopts 49 CFR Part 390 by reference, with minor modifications) includes nearly identical requirements for intrastate motor carrier vehicles weighing at least 26,000 pounds. He noted the provisions that would be removed by the bill were added in 1955 and reviewed exemptions in other law for farm vehicles.

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\*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>

Lettering required by state and federal regulations must be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is stationary; the marking may be painted on the vehicle or be on a removable device.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Association of Counties reports enactment of the bill would have no direct fiscal effect on Kansas counties, and the Kansas Corporation Commission reports enactment of the bill would have no effect on its expenditures or revenues.