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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 17, 2021
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 127

SB 127 increases the age of eligibility to renew drivers' licenses online to 64, allows license renewal notices to be sent electronically, extends certain dates to renew expired licenses within the past year and modifies eligibility requirements for restricted driving privileges.

Section 1 increases the eligible age for electronic renewal of licenses and allows for commercial drivers' license online renewal. Current law in K.S.A. 8-240 allows electronic online driver's license renewals for applicants between the age of 21 to 49 if the applicant certifies that the applicant has had an eye exam within the past year. SB 127 would extend online renewal to applicants who are less than 65 years of age. The same requirements will apply to all individuals in that age range of 21 to 64 who apply electronically. Additionally, the bill would allow for online renewal for CDLs unless the CDL has a hazardous materials endorsement. Any person seeking to renew a CDL online would additionally provide the Division with a valid medical examiner's certificate and proof of completion of the truckers against trafficking training.

Section 2 allows the Division to send the required notice for license expirations or renewals 30 days prior to the license expiring by email if authorized by the person. The bill would also allow any licensee whose driver's license expired after March 12, 2020 and before March 31, 2021 to have until June 30, 2021 to renew such licensee's driver's license.

Section 3 would similarly allow any identification card holder, whose ID card expired after March 12, 2020 and before March 31, 2021 to have until June 30, 2021 to renew the ID card.

Section 4 would remove a disqualifier for obtaining restricted driving privileges for those individuals who have previously received a stayed suspension as a result of a driving while

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suspended conviction. The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted an amendment to also eliminate application fees associated with requests for restricted driving privileges.

If enacted, the provisions of SB 127 become effective on publication of the Kansas Register.