



To: Representative Shannon Francis, Chair and Members, House Transportation Committee

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LeadingAge Kansas is the state association for not-for-profit and faith-based aging services. We have 160 member organizations across Kansas, which include not-for-profit nursing homes, retirement communities, hospital long-term care units, assisted living, home plus, senior housing, low-income housing, home health agencies, home and community-based service programs, PACE and Meals on Wheels. Our members serve more than 25,000 older Kansans each day and employ more than 20,000 people across the state.

Testimony in Support of HB 2267

Adult care homes act as the primary transportation for their residents to medical appointments, shopping trips, social occasions and any other event or location the resident may need to visit. We would be hard-pressed to find an adult care home resident that would not qualify as disabled for the purposes of a handicap designation.

The same is true for participants of PACE programs. Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly provide comprehensive medical and social services to frail elderly people still living in the community. The services provided by PACE revolve around transportation to and from appointments and PACE centers. Disability is a prerequisite to participating in PACE.

Few adult care home residents have drivers' licenses and there are numerous challenges for them to apply for an individual placard along with special identification to keep on them. It is a huge administrative burden for an adult care home to obtain, track and wrangle special placards and individual identification cards for each person they may be transporting, especially when it is a group of residents in vans and buses.

As a matter of commonsense, and kindness toward the people we serve, we ask that the Committee support HB 2267 to clarify once and for all that programs that serve older people need access to disability license plates and parking.

Although we support HB 2267 as a whole, we are asking for an amendment to the bill to include Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly along with adult care homes in the legislation.

Suggested amendment:

(h) Nothing in this section shall prevent an adult care home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, **or a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396u-4**, from applying for and receiving special license plates pursuant to this section if such adult care home provides satisfactory proof to the director of vehicles that the adult care home is responsible for the transportation of a person or persons with a disability