HB 2173 would authorize the superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol to charge and collect fees to reimburse the agency for expenses incurred for providing security and traffic patrol services at events held by private entities.

Specifically, the bill would:

- Allow the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into contracts for reimbursement with private entities;
- Provide that the Highway Patrol determine the amount of traffic patrol services and security necessary at events held by private entities;
- Limit events for which the Highway Patrol can seek reimbursement to those for which the cost of services will exceed $20,000; and
- Create a special revenue fund within the state treasury called the “Highway Patrol Private Security Fund” into which reimbursements will be deposited, and expenditures will be limited to covering the costs of security services provided for the contracted event from which the reimbursements were received.

*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
Background

HB 2173 was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation, and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget.

At the hearing on the bill, the only conferee and proponent was Major Mark Bruce of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The House Budget Committee amended the bill to:

- Allow the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into contracts for reimbursement with private entities;
- Provide that the Highway Patrol determine the amount of traffic patrol services and security necessary at events held by private entities;
- Limit events for which the Highway Patrol can seek reimbursement to those for which the cost of services will exceed $20,000; and
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The fiscal note on the original HB 2173 estimates that $192,949 in reimbursements would be received for FY 2012. The fiscal note assumes that the agency will provide services for three events, two NASCAR races at the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, and the Country Stampede in Manhattan.