

SESSION OF 2012

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2499

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2499 would authorize Masonic Lodge license plates for passenger vehicles and small trucks, to be issued on and after January 1, 2013. It also would allow a person with a Masonic Lodge license plate to add a decal showing Masonic designation, affixed to the license plate in a location specified by the Director of Vehicles.

Anyone who wishes to receive a Masonic Lodge license plate would pay a royalty amount of at least \$20 but not more than \$100 to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Grand Lodge) for use of its logo before receiving such a plate, in addition to regular license plate fees; the royalty would be divided to support the Kansas Masonic Library and Museum and other charities through Kansas Freemasons Charities, Inc. The Grand Lodge would determine the fee for each decal.

The Grand Lodge would be required to pay the initial cost of developing the license plate.

Background

A representative of the Grand Lodge testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget says that the Department of Revenue estimated the Masonic

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Lodge license plate would increase its expenditures by \$24,780 to manufacture the plates and by \$2,528 to modify the motor vehicles registration system, \$27,308 total. The fiscal note also says the Department estimated the bill would increase total revenues by \$36,120. The nonrefundable fee to be paid by the Grand Lodge to develop the plate was estimated at \$20,000.