

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 24, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard
Representative Mary Kauffman
Representative Kenny Wilks

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Mark Taddiken
Sheila Walker, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Dept. of Revenue
Dean Reynoldson, Alcoholic Beverage Control Div., Dept. of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list

SB 68 - Helping schools license plates

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **SB 68** by introducing Senator Mark Taddiken. According to Senator Taddiken the intent of this bill is to create an additional source of funding for classroom supplies and equipment in the K through 12 schools. (Attachment 1) Senator Taddiken said the provisions in **SB 68** are similar to other license plate statutes. It would cost \$30 to purchase the tag and 500 would have to be purchased before the tags were issued. The purchaser of the tag would be able to designate which school district would receive the proceeds, allowing flexibility in the process. The State Board of Education would be authorized to determine the logo and would receive reimbursement for administrative costs. Funds would have to be used for classroom supplies and equipment.

There being no other proponents, the Chairman introduced Sheila Walker as a neutral. (Attachment 2) According to Director Walker KSA 8-1,141 requires that any new distinctive license plate authorized for issuance on and after July 1, 1994, be subject to the \$40.00 personalized license plate fee. **SB 68** amends KSA 8-1,141, exempting the "Helping School" license plate from the \$40.00 personalized plate fee. She agreed the guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates would still apply. The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the original bill, eliminating the requirement for the provision of a toll-free number.

Following questions from the Committee, the Chairman asked if there were any other proponents, opponents or neutrals. There being none the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 68**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 159 - Vertical format for drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to persons under 21

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 159** and introduced Dean Reynoldson as the first proponent. (Attachment 3) He was speaking for Robert Longino, Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control Div. The intent of this bill is to assist in the verification process so a clerk can readily identify someone under age. Features of this card include the addition of red or green bars with information pertaining to the age of the individual as well as the addition of a portrait versus the standard landscape orientation will also assist people attempting to verify age and will eliminate the option of altering the birth date on valid driver licenses and IDs of underage persons. Mr. Reynoldson said the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division supports this concept and encourages the Committee to forward the bill favorably.

The next proponent was Sheila Walker. Director Walker said since the bill's implementation date coincides with the implementation date of the anticipated upgrade to their driver's license system, the changes can be made at no additional cost to the Division of Vehicles. She said they support this bill and see it as another tool for the retail liquor industry's use in identifying underage persons.

There being no additional proponents nor any opponents, Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **SB 159**.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 68**. Representative Yonally made a motion to report SB 68 favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Vickrey. After discussion Representative Ballou made a substitute motion to require 500 plates be sold before any plates are made and that the \$30.00 for the plates be paid before plates are made. Representative Jack seconded the bill. The substitute motion did not carry. The motion to pass the original motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett called for final action on **SB 159**. Representative Jack made a motion to pass a technical amendment to this bill due to a conflict with Section 1 of SB 16 which was signed into law earlier this year. Representative Ballou seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representative Huff made a motion to pass SB 159, as amended, out favorably. Representative Beggs seconded the motion and the motion to pass SB 159 as amended, carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2003.