

SESSION OF 2018

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2486

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2486, as amended, would authorize operation of a golf cart on any public street or highway between sunset and sunrise if the golf cart is equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles and with a properly mounted slow-moving vehicle emblem as required by KSA 8-1717.

Continuing law prohibits operation of golf carts on any interstate, federal, or state highway; on any public highway or street within a city unless authorized by that city; and on any street or highway with a posted speed limit exceeding 30 miles per hour.

Background

The bill was requested by Representative Adam Smith, who provided oral testimony in support of the bill in the House Committee on Transportation hearing and introduced two of his constituents, from Atwood, who also provided proponent testimony. The proponents described how golf carts are used in their community, by residents and by visitors, and provided information on other states' laws on golf cart use. No other testimony was presented.

Representative Adam Smith, one of his constituents, and a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities provided proponent testimony in the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing. A representative of the Kansas

*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>

Association of Property and Casualty Insurance Companies, Inc., provided neutral testimony, stating golf carts are not covered under automobile insurance, even when driven on city streets; instead, golf carts are usually insured *via* a rider to a homeowner's general liability coverage. No opponent testimony was presented.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to require a golf cart operated at night in accordance with the bill to be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

Requirements for lights on motorcycles are contained in KSA 8-1801 *et seq.* Among them are requirements for head lamps of a certain intensity and tail lamps. KSA 8-1717 defines a slow-moving vehicle emblem as triangular, having equal sides of 14 inches and an altitude of 12 inches, painted a fluorescent yellow-orange color and bordered with reflective red-colored strips having a minimum width of 1.75 inches. The emblem must be mounted on the vehicle in accordance with standards of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (now the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers).

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.