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## **HOUSE BILL No. 2720**

By Representative Gordon

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AN ACT relating to drivers' training; defining approved course in driver training; amending K.S.A. 8-235c, 8-237, 8-272, 8-2406 and 40-3104 and K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 40-3118, 72-5015 and 72-5017 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-235c is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-235c. If the division finds that an applicant for an original driver's license does not then have a valid driver's license, or finds that any of the statements relating to prior revocation, suspension or refusal of licenses required to be made on the application under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto, are in the affirmative, then the division before issuing such license shall require said the applicant to take an examination as provided in K.S.A. 8-235d-Provided, and amendments thereto, except that any applicant who was a student within the two (2)years immediately prior to the date of making application and who has successfully completed a drivers' training course an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, conducted by an accredited school or educational institution, or conducted by a driver training school which has been issued a license certificate pursuant to K.S.A. 8-277, and amendments thereto, shall be granted without examination a driver's license indicating the class of vehicles which the applicant is qualified to drive as a result of successfully completing such drivers' training course approved course in driver training.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-237 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-237. The division of vehicles shall not issue any driver's license to any person:
- (a) Who is under the age of 16 years, except that the division may issue a restricted class C or M license, as provided in this act, to any person who: (1) Is at least 15 years of age; (2) has successfully completed an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto; (3) has held an instructional permit issued under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-239, and amendments thereto, for a period of at least six months and has completed at least 25 hours of adult supervised driving; and (4) upon the written application of the person's parent or guardian. The required adult supervised driving required in clause (3)

above shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license. Except as hereafter provided, the application of the parent or guardian shall be submitted to the division. The governing body of any city, by ordinance, may require the application of any person who is under 16 years of age and who resides within the city to be first submitted to the chief law enforcement officer of the city. The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution, may require the application of any person who is under 16 years of age and who resides within the county and outside the corporate limits of any city to be first submitted to the chief law enforcement officer of the county. No ordinance or resolution authorized by this subsection shall become effective until a copy of it is transmitted to the division of vehicles. The chief law enforcement officer of any city or county which has adopted the ordinance or resolution au-thorized by this subsection shall make a recommendation on the appli-cation as to the necessity for the issuance of the restricted license, and the recommendation shall be transmitted, with the application, to the division of vehicles. If the division finds that it is necessary to issue the restricted license, it shall issue a driver's license to the person. 

A restricted class C license issued under this subsection shall entitle the licensee, while possessing the license, to operate any motor vehicle in class C, as designated in K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto. A restricted class M license shall entitle the licensee, while possessing such license, to operate a motorcycle. The restricted license shall entitle the licensee to operate the appropriate vehicle at any time:

- (1) While going to or from or in connection with any job, employment or farm-related work;
- (2) on days while school is in session, over the most direct and accessible route between the licensee's residence and school of enrollment for the purposes of school attendance;
- (3) when the licensee is operating a passenger car, at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license and who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver; or
- (4) when the licensee is operating a motorcycle, at any time when accompanied by an adult who is the holder of a valid class M driver's license and who is operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the licensee.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection shall not operate any motor vehicle with nonsibling minor passengers and any conviction for violating this provision shall be construed as a moving traffic violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

A restricted driver's license issued under this subsection is subject to

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suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license. In addition, the division may suspend the restricted driver's license upon receiving satisfactory evidence that: (1) The licensee has violated the restriction of the license, (2) the licensee has been involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the licensee or (3) the recommendation of the chief law enforcement officer of any city or county requiring the recommendation has been withdrawn. The suspended license shall not be reinstated for one year or until the licensee reaches the age of 16, whichever period is longer.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection who: (1) Is under the age of 16 years and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of this subsection until the person reaches 17 years of age; or (2) fails to provide the required affidavit stating that the licensee has completed at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with 10 of those hours being at night shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted in accordance with the provisions of this subsection until the person provides such affidavit to the division or the person reaches 17 years of age, whichever occurs first.

Any licensee issued a restricted license under this subsection on and after July 1, 1999, shall provide prior to reaching 16 years of age, a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian, stating that the applicant has completed the required 25 hours prior to being issued a restricted license and 25 hours of additional adult supervised driving. Of the 50 hours required by this subsection, at least 10 of those hours shall be at night. The adult supervised driving shall be conducted by an adult who is at least 21 years of age and is the holder of a valid commercial driver's license, class A, B or C driver's license.

Evidence of failure of any licensee who was required to complete the 50 hours of adult supervised driving under this subsection shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

- (b) Who is under the age of 18 years, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,147, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of driving a commercial or class A or B motor vehicle.
- $\left(c\right)$  . Whose license is currently revoked, suspended or canceled in this or any other state, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-256, and amendments thereto.
- (d) Who is a habitual drunkard, habitual user of narcotic drugs or habitual user of any other drug to a degree which renders the user incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle.
  - (e) Who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering

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41 42 from any mental disability or disease and who, at the time of making application for a driver's license, has not been restored to capacity in the manner provided by law. Application of this limitation to any person known to have suffered any seizure disorder is subject to the provisions of paragraph (7) of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-247, and amendments thereto.

- (f) Who is required by the motor vehicle drivers' license act to take an examination, unless the person has successfully passed the examination.
- (g) Who is at least 16 years of age and less than 17 years of age, who is applying for a driver's license for the first time since reaching 16 years of age and who, three times or more, has been adjudged to be a traffic offender under the Kansas juvenile code or a juvenile offender under the Kansas juvenile justice code, by reason of violation of one or more statutes regulating the movement of traffic on the roads, streets or highways of this state, except that, in the discretion of the director, the person may be issued a driver's license which is restricted in the manner the division deems to be appropriate. No person described by this subsection shall be eligible to receive a driver's license which is not restricted until the person has reached the age of 17 years.
- (h) Who has not submitted proof of age or proof of identity, as required by K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto.
- (i) Whose presence in the United States is in violation of federal immigration laws.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-272 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-272. (a) Any school district conducting an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, and any student attending a nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education conducting an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, shall be entitled to participate in the state safety fund created by K.S.A. 8-267, and amendments thereto. In August of each year, the superintendent of each school district and the governing authority of each nonpublic school shall report to the state board of education the number of students who have been in attendance for a complete driver training course conducted by such school district or nonpublic school during the past school year. From the state safety fund in the state treasury, \$1,540,000 shall be distributed in the manner hereinafter provided to the respective school districts and nonpublic schools on order of the state board of education in the ratio that the number of students in each school district or nonpublic school in attendance for such complete courses bears to the total number of students in all such schools and nonpublic schools in attendance for such complete courses. The state board of education shall certify to the director of accounts and reports

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the amount due each school district and each student of a nonpublic school. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the treasurer of each school district and to each student of a nonpublic school entitled to payment under this subsection upon vouchers approved by the state board and shall cause such warrants to be delivered to the respective school districts and nonpublic schools. If the amount appropriated in any year from the state safety fund shall be insufficient to pay the full amount each school district and each student of a nonpublic school is entitled to receive under this subsection, then the entire amount appropriated for such year shall be prorated among all school districts and all students of nonpublic schools in proportion to the amount each school district and each student of a nonpublic school is entitled to receive. No moneys in the state safety fund shall be used for any purpose other than that specified in this subsection or for the support of driver improvement programs. The state board of education shall prescribe all forms necessary for reporting in connection with this act. The funds shall be distributed on or before November 1 each year.

Any school district conducting an approved course in motorcycle safety as a part of an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto; any student attending a nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education conducting an approved course in motorcycle safety as a part of an approved course in driver training, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, or any community college conducting an approved course in motorcycle safety shall be entitled to participate in the motorcycle safety fund created by K.S.A. 8-267, and amendments thereto. The state board of education may establish, by rules and regulations, standards for the conduct, operation and approval of courses in motorcycle safety and for the qualifications of instructors for such courses. Such standards shall not include the requirement that instructors be certificated by the state board of education. In August of each year, the superintendent of each school district, the governing authority of each nonpublic school or the chief administrative officer of each community college shall report to the state board of education the number of students who have been in attendance for a complete course in motorcycle safety as a part of the driver training course conducted by such school district, nonpublic school or community college during the past school year. From the motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury, \$210,000 shall be distributed in the manner hereinafter provided to the respective school districts, nonpublic schools and community colleges on order of the state board of education in the ratio that the number of students in each school district, nonpublic school or community college in attendance for such complete courses in motorcycle safety bears to the total number of students in all such schools, nonpublic

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(c) For the purpose of this subsection, "vocational education school" means community college, area vocational-technical school or area vocational school. Any vocational education school conducting an approved course in truck driving shall be entitled to participate in the truck driver training fund created by K.S.A. 8-267, and amendments thereto. The state board of education may establish, by rules and regulations, standards for the conduct, operation and approval of courses in truck driver training and for the qualifications of instructors for such courses. Such standards shall not include the requirement that instructors be certificated by the state board of education. In August of each year, the chief administrative officer of each vocational education school shall report to the state board of education the number of students who have been in attendance for a complete course in truck driver training conducted by such vocational education school during the past school year. From the truck driver training fund in the state treasury, \$70,000 shall be distributed in the manner hereinafter provided to the respective vocational education school on order of the state board of education in the ratio that the number of students in each vocational education school in attendance for such complete courses in truck driver training bears to the total number of students in all such vocational education schools in attendance for such complete courses. The state board of education shall certify to the director of ac-

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Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-2406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2406. (a) The annual fee for the first dealer license plate is \$275, and the annual fee for additional dealer license plates shall be an amount equal to the amount required to register a passenger vehicle having a gross weight of less than 4,500 pounds, except that the annual fee for dealer license plates used by trailer dealers on trailers which they have purchased or own and are holding for resale shall be \$25 for each plate. To determine the number of dealer license plates the dealer needs, the director may base the decision on the dealer's past sales, inventory and any other pertinent factors as the director may determine. After the end of the first year of licensure as a dealer, not more than one dealer license plate shall be issued to any dealer who has not reported to the division the sale of at least five motor vehicles in the preceding year. There shall be no refund of fees for dealer license plates in the event of suspension, revocation or voluntary cancellation of a license. The director is hereby authorized to designate by identifying symbols on a dealer's license plate the type of dealer's license that the person has been issued. If a dealer has an established place of business in more than one county, such dealer shall secure a separate and distinct dealer's license and dealer license plates for each established place of business.

- (b) New motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle dealers may authorize use of dealer license plates assigned to such motor vehicle dealers as follows:
  - (1) The licensed motor vehicle dealer and such dealer's spouse;
- (2) the sales manager and all other sales personnel when such manager and sales personnel are properly licensed in Kansas, except that no dealer license plate shall be assigned to sales personnel who are working

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at the established place of business of the dealer less than 20 hours per week:

- (3) any employee of such motor vehicle dealer when the use thereof is directly connected to a particular business transaction of such motor vehicle dealer;
- (4) the customer when operating a motor vehicle in connection with negotiations to purchase such motor vehicle or during a demonstration of such motor vehicle;
- (5) any school district and any accredited nonpublic school which has entered into an agreement with a dealer to use a motor vehicle as a driver training motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, in an approved *course in* driver training <del>course</del>, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto.
- (c) A wholesaler dealer may authorize the use of dealer license plates on vehicles purchased by the wholesaler for resale to a retail vehicle dealer as follows:
- (1) To transport or operate a vehicle to or from a licensed retail or wholesale vehicle dealer for the purpose of buying, selling, or offering or attempting to negotiate a sale of the vehicle to a licensed vehicle dealer;
- (2) to deliver a vehicle purchased from the wholesale vehicle dealer to a purchasing vehicle dealer.
- (d) Salvage vehicle dealers may use dealer license plates only on vehicles which they have purchased for salvage, including dismantling, disassembling or recycling.
- (e) Insurance companies may use dealer license plates only on vehicles purchased or acquired for salvage in the course of business of the insurance company.
- (f) Lending agencies may use dealer license plates only on vehicles which they have repossessed or are holding for disposition due to repossession.
- (g) Trailer dealers may use dealer license plates only on trailers which they have purchased or own and are holding for resale.
- (h) Brokers are not entitled to be assigned or to use any dealer license plates.
- (i) Except as provided above, dealer license plates shall be used only in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-136, and amendments thereto. This subsection (i) does not apply to K.S.A. 8-2425, and amendments thereto, or full-privilege license plates issued thereunder.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 40-3104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-3104. (a) Every owner shall provide motor vehicle liability insurance coverage in accordance with the provisions of this act for every motor vehicle owned by such person, unless such motor vehicle: (1) Is included under an approved self-insurance plan as provided in subsection (f); (2) is used

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 as a driver training motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, in an approved *course in* driver training <del>course</del>, *as* defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, by a school district or an accredited nonpublic school under an agreement with a motor vehicle dealer, and such motor vehicle liability insurance coverage is provided by the school district or accredited nonpublic school; (3) is included under a qualified plan of self-insurance approved by an agency of the state in which such motor vehicle is registered and the form prescribed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 40-3106, and amendments thereto, has been filed; or (4) is expressly exempted from the provisions of this act.

- (b) An owner of an uninsured motor vehicle shall not permit the operation thereof upon a highway or upon property open to use by the public, unless such motor vehicle is expressly exempted from the provisions of this act.
- (c) No person shall knowingly drive an uninsured motor vehicle upon a highway or upon property open to use by the public, unless such motor vehicle is expressly exempted from the provisions of this act.
- (d) Any person operating a motor vehicle upon a highway or upon property open to use by the public shall display, upon demand, evidence of financial security to a law enforcement officer. The law enforcement officer shall issue a citation to any person who fails to display evidence of financial security upon such demand. The law enforcement officer shall attach a copy of the insurance verification form prescribed by the secretary of revenue to the copy of the citation forwarded to the court.

No citation shall be issued to any person for failure to provide proof of financial security when evidence of financial security meeting the standards of subsection (e) is displayed upon demand of a law enforcement officer. Whenever the authenticity of such evidence is questionable, the law enforcement officer may initiate the preparation of the insurance verification form prescribed by the secretary of revenue by recording information from the evidence of financial security displayed. The officer shall immediately forward the form to the department of revenue, and the department shall proceed with verification in the manner prescribed in the following paragraph. Upon return of a form indicating that insurance was not in force on the date indicated on the form, the department shall immediately forward a copy of the form to the law enforcement officer initiating preparation of the form.

(e) Unless the insurance company subsequently submits an insurance verification form indicating that insurance was not in force, no person charged with violating subsections (b), (c) or (d) shall be convicted if such person produces in court, within 10 days of the date of arrest or of issuance of the citation, evidence of financial security for the motor vehicle operated, which was valid at the time of arrest or of issuance of the ci-

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tation. For the purpose of this subsection, evidence of financial security shall be provided by a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance, an identification card or certificate of insurance issued to the policyholder by the insurer which provides the name of the insurer, the policy number and the effective and expiration dates of the policy, or a certificate of selfinsurance signed by the commissioner of insurance. Upon the production in court of evidence of financial security, the court shall record the information displayed thereon on the insurance verification form prescribed by the secretary of revenue, immediately forward such form to the department of revenue, and stay any further proceedings on the matter pending a request from the prosecuting attorney that the matter be set for trial. Upon receipt of such form the department shall mail the form to the named insurance company for verification that insurance was in force on the date indicated on the form. It shall be the duty of insurance companies to notify the department within 30 calendar days of the receipt of such forms of any insurance that was not in force on the date specified. Upon return of any form to the department indicating that insurance was not in force on such date, the department shall immediately forward a copy of such form to the office of the prosecuting attorney or the city clerk of the municipality in which such prosecution is pending when the prosecuting attorney is not ascertainable. Receipt of any completed form indicating that insurance was not in effect on the date specified shall be prima facie evidence of failure to provide proof of financial security and violation of this section. A request that the matter be set for trial shall be made immediately following the receipt by the prosecuting attorney of a copy of the form from the department of revenue indicating that insurance was not in force. Any charge of violating subsection (b), (c) or (d) shall be dismissed if no request for a trial setting has been made within 60 days of the date evidence of financial security was produced in court.

(f) Any person in whose name more than 25 motor vehicles are registered in Kansas may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the commissioner of insurance. The certificate of self-insurance issued by the commissioner shall cover such owned vehicles and those vehicles, registered in Kansas, leased to such person if the lease agreement requires that motor vehicle liability insurance on the vehicles be provided by the lessee. Upon application of any such person, the commissioner of insurance may issue a certificate of self-insurance, if the commissioner is satisfied that such person is possessed and will continue to be possessed of ability to pay any liability imposed by law against such person arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle described in this subsection. A self-insurer shall provide liability coverage subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 40-3107, and amendments thereto, arising out of the ownership,

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operation, maintenance or use of a self-insured motor vehicle in those instances where the lessee or the rental driver, if not the lessee, does not have a motor vehicle liability insurance policy or insurance coverage pursuant to a motor vehicle liability insurance policy or certificate of insurance or such insurance policy for such leased or rented vehicle. Such liability coverage shall be provided to any person operating a self-insured motor vehicle with the expressed or implied consent of the self-insurer.

Upon notice and a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the commissioner of insurance may cancel a certificate of self-insurance upon reasonable grounds. Failure to provide liability coverage or personal injury protection benefits required by K.S.A. 40-3107 and 40-3109, and amendments thereto, or pay any liability imposed by law arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle registered in such self-insurer's name, or to otherwise comply with the requirements of this subsection shall constitute reasonable grounds for the cancellation of a certificate of self-insurance. Reasonable grounds shall not exist unless such objectionable activity occurs with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice.

Self-insureds shall investigate claims in a reasonably prompt manner, handle such claims in a reasonable manner based on available information and effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlement of claims in which liability has become reasonably clear.

As used in this subsection, "liability imposed by law" means the stated limits of liability as provided under subsection (e) of K.S.A. 40-3107, and amendments thereto.

Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a self-insurer from pursuing all rights of subrogation against another person or persons.

- (g) (1) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 or confinement in the county jail for a term of not more than six months, or both such fine and confinement.
- (2) Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section within three years of any such prior conviction shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$800 nor more than \$2,500.
- (h) In addition to any other penalties provided by this act for failure to have or maintain financial security in effect, the director, upon receipt of a report required by K.S.A. 8-1607 or 8-1611, and amendments thereto, or a denial of such insurance by the insurance company listed on the form prescribed by the secretary of revenue pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, shall, upon notice and hearing as provided by K.S.A. 40-3118, and amendments thereto:

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- (1) Suspend:
- (A) The license of each driver in any manner involved in the accident;
- (B) the license of the owner of each motor vehicle involved in such accident, unless the vehicle was stolen at the time of the accident, proof of which must be established by the owner of the motor vehicle. Theft by a member of the vehicle owner's immediate family under the age of 18 years shall not constitute a stolen vehicle for the purposes of this section;
- (C) if the driver is a nonresident, the privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this state; or
- (D) if such owner is a nonresident, the privilege of such owner to operate or permit the operation within this state of any motor vehicle owned by such owner; and
- (2) revoke the registration of all vehicles owned by the owner of each motor vehicle involved in such accident.
- (i) The suspension or revocation requirements in subsection (h) shall not apply:
- (1) To the driver or owner if the owner had in effect at the time of the accident an automobile liability policy as required by K.S.A. 40-3107, and amendments thereto, with respect to the vehicle involved in the accident;
- (2) to the driver, if not the owner of the vehicle involved in the accident, if there was in effect at the time of the accident an automobile liability policy with respect to such driver's driving of vehicles not owned by such driver;
- (3) to any self-insurer as defined by subsection (u) of K.S.A. 40-3103, and amendments thereto;
- (4) to the driver or owner of any vehicle involved in the accident which was exempt from the provisions of this act pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3105, and amendments thereto;
  - (5) to the owner of a vehicle described in subsection (a)(2).
- (j) For the purposes of provisions (1) and (2) of subsection (i) of this section, the director may require verification by an owner's or driver's insurance company or agent thereof that there was in effect at the time of the accident an automobile liability policy as required in this act.

Any suspension or revocation effected hereunder shall remain in effect until satisfactory proof of financial security has been filed with the director as required by subsection (d) of K.S.A. 40-3118, and amendments thereto, and such person has been released from liability or is a party to an action to determine liability pursuant to which the court temporarily stays such suspension pending final disposition of such action, has entered into an agreement for the payment of damages, or has been finally adjudicated not to be liable in respect to such accident and evidence of any such fact

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has been filed with the director and has paid the reinstatement fee herein prescribed. Such reinstatement fee shall be \$100 except that if the registration of a motor vehicle of any owner is revoked within one year following a prior revocation of the registration of a motor vehicle of such owner under the provisions of this act such fee shall be \$300.

- (k) The provisions of this section shall not apply to motor carriers of property or passengers regulated by the corporation commission of the state of Kansas.
- (l) The provisions of subsection (d) shall not apply to vehicle dealers, as defined in K.S.A. 8-2401, and amendments thereto, for vehicles being offered for sale by such dealers.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 40-3118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-3118. (a) No motor vehicle shall be registered or reregistered in this state unless the owner, at the time of registration, has in effect a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance covering such motor vehicle, as provided in this act, or is a self-insurer thereof, or the motor vehicle is used as a driver training motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, in an approved course in driver training course, as defined in K.S.A. 72-5015, and amendments thereto, by a school district or an accredited nonpublic school under an agreement with a motor vehicle dealer, and such policy of motor vehicle liability insurance is provided by the school district or accredited nonpublic school. As used in this section, the term "financial security" means such policy or self-insurance. The director shall require that the owner certify and provide verification of financial security, in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 8-173, and amendments thereto, that the owner has such financial security, and the owner of each motor vehicle registered in this state shall maintain financial security continuously throughout the period of registration. In addition, when an owner certifies that such financial security is a motor vehicle liability insurance policy meeting the requirements of this act, the director may require that the owner or owner's insurance company produce records to prove the fact that such insurance was in effect at the time the vehicle was registered and has been maintained continuously from that date. Failure to produce such records shall be prima facie evidence that no financial security exists with regard to the vehicle concerned. It shall be the duty of insurance companies, upon the request of the director, to notify the director within 30 calendar days of the date of the receipt of such request by the director of any insurance that was not in effect on the date of registration and maintained continuously from that date.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 40-276, 40-276a and 40-277, and amendments thereto, and except for termination of insurance resulting from nonpayment of premium or upon the request for cancel-

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lation by the insured, no motor vehicle liability insurance policy, or any renewal thereof, shall be terminated by cancellation or failure to renew 3 by the insurer until at least 30 days after mailing a notice of termination, by certified or registered mail or United States post office certificate of 4 mailing, to the named insured at the latest address filed with the insurer 5 6 by or on behalf of the insured. Time of the effective date and hour of termination stated in the notice shall become the end of the policy period. Every such notice of termination sent to the insured for any cause what-8 9 soever shall include on the face of the notice a statement that financial 10 security for every motor vehicle covered by the policy is required to be maintained continuously throughout the registration period, that the op-12 eration of any such motor vehicle without maintaining continuous finan-13 cial security therefor is a class B misdemeanor and shall be subject to a 14 fine of not less than \$300 and not more than \$1,000 and that the regis-15 tration for any such motor vehicle for which continuous financial security 16 is not provided is subject to suspension and the driver's license of the 17 owner thereof is subject to suspension. 18

- The director of vehicles shall verify a sufficient number of insurance certifications each calendar year as the director deems necessary to insure compliance with the provisions of this act. The owner or owner's insurance company shall verify the accuracy of any owner's certification upon request, as provided in subsection (a).
- (d) In addition to any other requirements of this act, the director shall require a person to acquire insurance and for such person's insurance company to maintain on file with the division evidence of such insurance for a period of one year when a person has been convicted in this or another state of any of the violations enumerated in K.S.A. 8-285, and amendments thereto.

The director shall also require any driver whose driving privileges have been suspended pursuant to this section to maintain such evidence of insurance as required above.

The company of the insured shall immediately mail notice to the director whenever any policy required by this subsection to be on file with the division is terminated by the insured or the insurer for any reason. The receipt by the director of such termination shall be prima facie evidence that no financial security exists with regard to the person concerned.

No cancellation notice shall be sent to the director if the insured adds or deletes a vehicle, adds or deletes a driver, renews a policy or is issued a new policy by the same company. No cancellation notice shall be sent to the director prior to the date the policy is terminated if the company allows a grace period for payment until such grace period has expired and the policy is actually terminated.

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For the purposes of this act, the term "conviction" includes pleading guilty or *nolo contendere*, being convicted or being found guilty of any violation enumerated in this subsection without regard to whether sentence was suspended or probation granted. A forfeiture of bail, bond or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction.

The requirements of this subsection shall apply whether or not such person owns a motor vehicle.

- (e) Whenever the director shall receive prima facie evidence, as prescribed by this section, that continuous financial security covering any motor vehicle registered in this state is not in effect, the director shall notify the owner by registered or certified mail or United States post office certificate of mailing that, at the end of 30 days after the notice is mailed, the registration for such motor vehicle and the driving privileges of the owner of the vehicle shall be suspended or revoked, pursuant to such rules and regulations as the secretary of revenue shall adopt, unless within 10 days after the notice is mailed: (1) Such owner shall demonstrate proof of continuous financial security covering such vehicle to the satisfaction of the director; or (2) such owner shall mail a written request which is postmarked within 10 days after the notice is mailed requesting a hearing with the director. Upon receipt of a timely request for a hearing, the director shall afford such person an opportunity for hearing within the time and in the manner provided in K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto. If, within the ten-day period or at the hearing, such owner is unable to demonstrate proof of continuous financial security covering the motor vehicle in question, the director shall revoke the registration of such motor vehicle and suspend the driving privileges of the owner of the vehicle.
- (f) Whenever the registration of a motor vehicle or the driving privileges of the owner of the vehicle are suspended or revoked for failure of the owner to maintain continuous financial security, such suspension or revocation shall remain in effect until satisfactory proof of insurance has been filed with the director as required by subsection (d) and a reinstatement fee in the amount herein prescribed is paid to the division of vehicles. Such reinstatement fee shall be in the amount of \$100 except that if the registration of a motor vehicle of any owner is revoked within one year following a prior revocation of the registration of a motor vehicle of such owner under the provisions of this act such fee shall be in the amount of \$300. The division of vehicles shall remit such fees to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

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- (g) In no case shall any motor vehicle, the registration of which has been revoked for failure to have continuous financial security, be reregistered in the name of the owner thereof, the owner's spouse, parent or child or any member of the same household, until the owner complies with subsection (f). In the event the registration plate has expired, no new plate shall be issued until the motor vehicle owner complies with the reinstatement requirements as required by this act.
- (h) Evidence that an owner of a motor vehicle, registered or required to be registered in this state, has operated or permitted such motor vehicle to be operated in this state without having in force and effect the financial security required by this act for such vehicle, together with proof of records of the division of vehicles indicating that the owner did not have such financial security, shall be prima facie evidence that the owner did at the time and place alleged, operate or permit such motor vehicle to be operated without having in full force and effect financial security required by the provisions of this act.
- (i) Any owner of a motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in this state who shall make a false certification concerning financial security for the operation of such motor vehicle as required by this act, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any person, firm or corporation giving false information to the director concerning another's financial security for the operation of a motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in this state, knowing or having reason to believe that such information is false, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- (j) The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this act relating to the registration of motor vehicles, and the secretary of revenue shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for its administration.
- (k) Whenever any person has made application for insurance coverage and such applicant has submitted payment or partial payment with such application, the insurance company, if payment accompanied the application and if insurance coverage is denied, shall refund the unearned portion of the payment to the applicant or agent with the notice of denial of coverage. If payment did not accompany the application to the insurance company but was made to the agent, the agent shall refund the unearned portion of the payment to the applicant upon receipt of the company's notice of denial.
- (l) For the purpose of this act, "declination of insurance coverage" means a final denial, in whole or in part, by an insurance company or agent of requested insurance coverage.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-5015 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-5015. As used in this act: (a) "Driver training motor vehicle" means an automobile or motorcycle acquired by a board pursuant to an

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agreement with a motor vehicle manufacturer or dealer for use in *an approved course in* driver training <del>courses</del>; but does not include within its meaning any motor vehicle which is rented, leased, or owned by any school district, nonpublic school or community college.

- (b) "Board" means the board of education of a school district, the governing authority of any nonpublic school offering any of grades kindergarten through 12 or the board of trustees of any community college.
- (c) "Multi-vehicle driving range" means an off-street area in which several motor vehicles are used simultaneously to provide (1) laboratory instruction under the supervision of one or more instructors, or (2) the simultaneous education of several student drivers under the supervision of one instructor.
- (d) "Division" means the division of vehicles of the department of revenue.
- (e) "State board" means in the case of school districts and nonpublic schools, the state board of education and in the case of community colleges, the state board of regents.
  - (f) "Approved course in driver training" means:
- (1) A course designed to teach students the components of basic automobile operation, including rules of the road and safety. An approved course in driver training shall consist of not less than 30 hours of classroom instruction and not less than six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. Classroom instruction shall not be taught interactively through the use of communications technology, including the internet, so that persons taking the course need not be physically present in a classroom; or
- (2) a course designed to teach students the components of motorcycle operation, including rules of the road and safety.
  - (g) "Hour" means a class period of no fewer than 50 minutes.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 72-5017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-5017. (a) The state board may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this act.
- (b) The state board shall prepare, on or before July 1 of each year, a list of schools conducting an approved course in driver training. Such list shall be prepared from the reports required under K.S.A. 8-272, and amendments thereto, and shall be sent to the division and other governmental agencies having need thereof.
- (c) Any board desiring to conduct an approved course in driver training eourses must first have such eourses course approved by the state board and shall then be eligible to enter into agreements for driver training motor vehicles.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 8-235c, 8-237, 8-272, 8-2406 and 40-3104 and K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 40-3118, 72-5015 and 72-5017 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.