HOUSE BILL No. 2633

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; providing for the issuance of a hard-ship license.

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

Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the submission of an application to the director of the division of vehicles and in accordance with the provisions of this section, a hardship license may be issued by the director to any person whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this section. A hardship license shall be issued only for the period of time remaining after the initial 30 days of the suspension or revocation have expired, except that if a person's driving privileges have been suspended or revoked under subsection (a), paragraphs (2) or (3) of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-1014, and amendments thereto, such hardship license shall be issued only for the period of time remaining after the initial 180 days of the suspension or revocation have expired.

- (b) When the director of vehicles finds that a person is required to operate a motor vehicle in connection with any of the following:
 - (1) A business, occupation or employment;
 - (2) seeking medical treatment for such person;
 - (3) attending school or other institution of higher education;
 - (4) attending alcohol or drug treatment programs; or
- (5) any other circumstance the director finds would create an undue hardship on the person; the director may issue a hardship license granting such limited driving privileges as the circumstances of the case justify if the director finds undue hardship would result to the person.
 - (c) A hardship license shall not be issued to any person:
- (1) Who at the time of application for a hardship license has previously been granted such a license within the immediately preceding five years;
- (2) who was convicted of any felony while using a motor vehicle to commit such felony; or
- (3) whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked for a violation of K.S.A. 8-1002, 8-1567 or 8-1567a, and amendments thereto, and which violation involved a death or serious personal injury to a person

other than the driver whose driving privileges were suspended or revoked.

- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person issued a commercial drivers' license under K.S.A. 8-2,125 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (e) (1) No person who is issued a hardship license shall operate a motor vehicle at any time, place or for any purpose other than those authorized on such license.
- (2) Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and the hardship license shall be revoked.
- (f) A nonrefundable fee of \$200 shall accompany any application submitted pursuant to this section. Such fee shall be in addition to any other fee imposed by law for the issuance of a drivers' license.
- (g) The secretary of revenue may adopt rules and regulations necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.