SENATE BILL No. 504

By Senator Journey

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AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; concerning driver improvement clinics; providing for the disposition of certain moneys; amending K.S.A. 8-255 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-267 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) The division of vehicles may, in the interest of improving traffic safety, establish driver improvement clinics throughout the state. The director of vehicles shall develop the minimum standards and criteria to be utilized by such driver improvement clinics. Any person, other than a person issued a commercial driver's license, under K.S.A. 8-2,125 et seq., and amendments thereto, desiring to attend a driver improvement clinic shall make application to the division and such application shall be accompanied by the required fee of \$350. The division shall remove one moving violation from a person's driving record who has successfully completed the driver improvement clinic. A person who has completed a driver improvement clinic shall not be eligible to attend another clinic for a period of two years following completion of the previous clinic.

(b) The secretary of revenue shall adopt such rules and regulations deemed necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this section, including the development of standards and criteria to be utilized by the driver improvement clinic.

New Sec. 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the community corrections special revenue fund. All moneys credited to the community corrections special revenue fund shall be used by the department of corrections only for the purpose of funding community corrections. All expenditures from the community corrections special revenue fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts, upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of corrections.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-255 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-255. (a) The division is authorized to restrict, suspend or revoke a person's driving privileges upon a showing by its records or other sufficient evidence the person:

- (1) Has been convicted with such frequency of serious offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles as to indicate a disrespect for traffic laws and a disregard for the safety of other persons on the highways;
 - (2) has been convicted of three or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions within a 12-month period;
 - (3) is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;
 - (4) has been convicted of a moving traffic violation, committed at a time when the person's driving privileges were restricted, suspended or revoked; or
 - (5) is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed at a military installation located in the state of Kansas, and the authorities of the military establishment certify that such person's on-base driving privileges have been suspended, by action of the proper military authorities, for violating the rules and regulations of the military installation governing the movement of vehicular traffic or for any other reason relating to the person's inability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.
 - (b) The division shall suspend a person's driving privileges when required by K.S.A. 8-262, 8-1014 or 41-727, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2000 2005 Supp. 21-3765, and amendments thereto, and shall disqualify a person's privilege to drive commercial motor vehicles when required by K.S.A. 8-2,142, and amendments thereto.
 - (c) When the action by the division restricting, suspending, revoking or disqualifying a person's driving privileges is based upon a report of a conviction or convictions from a convicting court, the person may not request a hearing but, within 30 days after notice of restriction, suspension, revocation or disqualification is mailed, may submit a written request for administrative review and provide evidence to the division to show the person whose driving privileges have been restricted, suspended, revoked or disqualified by the division was not convicted of the offense upon which the restriction, suspension, revocation or disqualification is based. Within 30 days of its receipt of the request for administrative review, the division shall notify the person whether the restriction, suspension, revocation or disqualification has been affirmed or set aside. The request for administrative review shall not stay any action taken by the division.
 - (d) Upon restricting, suspending, revoking or disqualifying the driving privileges of any person as authorized by this act, the division shall immediately notify the person in writing. Except as provided by K.S.A. 8-1002 and 8-2,145, and amendments thereto, and subsection (c) of this section, if the person makes a written request for hearing within 30 days after such notice of restriction, suspension or revocation is mailed, the

division shall afford the person an opportunity for a hearing as early as practical not sooner than five days nor more than 30 days after such request is mailed. If the division has not revoked or suspended the person's driving privileges or vehicle registration prior to the hearing, the hearing may be held within not to exceed 45 days. Except as provided by K.S.A. 8-1002 and 8-2,145, and amendments thereto, the hearing shall be held in the person's county of residence or a county adjacent thereto, unless the division and the person agree that the hearing may be held in some other county. Upon the hearing, the director or the director's duly authorized agent may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books and papers and may require an examination or reexamination of the person. When the action proposed or taken by the division is authorized but not required, the division, upon the hearing, shall either rescind or affirm its order of restriction, suspension or revocation or, good cause appearing therefor, extend the restriction or suspension of the person's driving privileges, modify the terms of the restriction or suspension or revoke the person's driving privileges. When the action proposed or taken by the division is required, the division, upon the hearing, shall either affirm its order of restriction, suspension, revocation or disqualification, or, good cause appearing therefor, dismiss the administrative action. If the person fails to request a hearing within the time prescribed or if, after a hearing, the order of restriction, suspension, revocation or disqualification is upheld, the person shall surrender to the division, upon proper demand, any driver's license in the person's possession.

(e) In case of failure on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of the division or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which the witness may be lawfully interrogated, the district court of any county, on application of the division, may compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from the court or a refusal to testify in the court. Each witness who appears before the director or the director's duly authorized agent by order or subpoena, other than an officer or employee of the state or of a political subdivision of the state, shall receive for the witness' attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by the witness.

(f) The division, in the interest of traffic and safety, may establish driver improvement clinics throughout the state and, upon reviewing the driving record of a person whose driving privileges are subject to suspension under subsection (a)(2), may permit the person to retain such person's driving privileges by attending a driver improvement clinic. A person

 who is required to attend a driver improvement clinic shall pay a fee of \$15. Amounts received under this subsection shall be remitted 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 same in the state treasury to the credit of the division of vehicles operating fund.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-267 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-267. All moneys received under this act shall be remitted by the secretary of revenue 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 and shall:
- (a) Credit 37.5% of all moneys so received from class C driver's licenses and 20% of all moneys so received from class M driver's licenses and 20% of all moneys so received from class A or B driver's licenses and 20% of all moneys so received from all commercial driver licensee classes remaining after the \$2 credit provided in subsection (c) to a special fund, which is hereby created and shall be known as the state safety fund;
- (b) credit 20% of all moneys so received from class M driver's licenses to a special fund which is hereby created and shall be known as the motorcycle safety fund;
- (c) credit \$2 from each commercial driver's license fee to a special fund which is hereby created and shall be known as the truck driver training fund;
- (d) credit all photo fees collected under K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, to the photo fee fund; and
- (e) credit all hazardous materials endorsement fees collected under K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-2,151, and amendments thereto, to the hazmat fee fund: and
- (f) credit the driver improvement clinic fees collected under section 1, and amendments thereto, as follows:
- (1) Credit \$150 of each such fee to the division of vehicles operating fund; and
- (2) credit \$200 of each such fee to the community corrections special revenue fund.

Moneys in the state safety fund and in the motorcycle safety fund shall be distributed to provide funds for driver training courses in the schools in Kansas and for the administration of this act, as the legislature shall provide. In addition, moneys in the motorcycle safety fund shall be distributed to provide funds for courses in motorcycle safety in community colleges in Kansas. Moneys in the truck driver training fund shall be distributed to provide funds for courses in truck driver training in community colleges, area vocational schools and area vocational-technical

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- $1\,$ schools in Kansas. Except as otherwise provided by K.S.A. 8-241, and
- 2 amendments thereto, the state treasurer shall credit the balance of all
- $3\,$ $\,$ moneys received under this act, including all moneys received from com-
- 4 mercial driver's license endorsements to the state highway fund.
- 5 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-255 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-267 are hereby 6 repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.