SENATE BILL No. 223

By Committee on Transportation

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning the use of safety belts; amending K.S.A. 8-2503 and 8-2504 and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-350 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the traffic records enhancement fund. All moneys credited to the traffic records enhancement fund shall be used by the department of transportation for the purpose of enhancing and upgrading the traffic records systems in the state. All expenditures from the traffic records enhancement 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 transportation or the secretary's designee.

New Sec. 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the EMS revolving fund. All moneys credited to the EMS revolving fund shall be used by the emergency medical services board to improve and enhance emergency medical services in the state. All expenditures from the EMS revolving 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 chairperson of the emergency medical services board or by a person or persons designated by such chairperson.

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2503. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-1344 and 8-1345, and amendments thereto, and in subsection (b), each front seat occupant of a passenger car manufactured with safety belts in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 208 shall have a safety belt properly fastened about such person's body at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
 - (b) This section does not apply to:
- (1) An occupant of a passenger car who possesses a written statement from a licensed physician that such person is unable for medical reasons to wear a safety belt system;
- (2) carriers of United States mail while actually engaged in delivery and collection of mail along their specified routes;
- 42 (3) newspaper delivery persons while actually engaged in delivery of 43 newspapers along their specified routes; or

- (4) an occupant of a passenger car required to be protected by a safety restraining system under the child passenger safety act.
- (c) The secretary of transportation shall initiate an educational program designed to encourage compliance with the safety belt usage provisions of this act.
- (d) The secretary shall evaluate the effectiveness of this act and shall include a report of its findings in the annual evaluation report on its highway safety plan that it submits under 23 U.S.C. 402.
- (e) Law enforcement officers shall not stop drivers for violations of this act in the absence of another violation of law. A citation for violation of this act shall not be issued without citing the violation that initially caused the officer to effect the enforcement stop.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-2504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2504. (a) (1) From and after the effective date of this act, and prior to July 1, 1987, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-2503; and
- (2) from and after July 1, 1987, persons violating subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-2503 shall be fined not more than \$10 including court costs.
- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-2503, and amendments thereto, and upon conviction such person shall be punished by a fine of \$60. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of each such fine received from clerks of the district court, the state treasurer shall:
- (1) Credit \$17 to the EMS revolving fund established under section 2, and amendments thereto;
- (2) credit \$17 to the trauma fund established under K.S.A. 75-5670, and amendments thereto; and
 - (3) credit \$16 to the traffic records enhancement fund established under section 1, and amendments thereto.
- (b) No court shall report violation of this act to the department of revenue.
 - (c) Evidence of failure of any person to use a safety belt shall not be admissible in any action for the purpose of determining any aspect of comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-350 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-350. (a) Except for fines and penalties authorized to be paid to counties pursuant to K.S.A. 19-101e, and amendments thereto, and subsection (b), and amendments thereto, all moneys received by the clerk of the district court from the payment of fines, penalties and forfeitures 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 entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund, except as provided in

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K.S.A. 8-1345, 8-2504 or 74-7336, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 8-1345, and amendments thereto.

- (b) Except as provided by K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-368, and amendments thereto, all moneys received by the clerk of the district court from the payment of bail forfeitures 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 entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit equal portions of such remittance to the indigents' defense services fund and the state general fund.
- (c) The chief judge may invest any moneys on deposit in the district court account if the moneys are not immediately required for the purposes for which they were collected or received. Such moneys may be invested in: (1) Time deposits, open account or certificates of deposit, for periods not to exceed six months, or savings deposits, in commercial banks located in the county, except that amounts invested which are not insured by the United States government shall be secured in the manner and amounts provided by K.S.A. 9-1402, and amendments thereto; (2) United States treasury bills or notes with maturities not to exceed six months; or (3) savings and loan associations located in the county. No investment of more than the amount insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation shall be made in any one savings and loan association. Interest received from the investment of moneys pursuant to 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 entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.
- (d) Upon application of a party to an action in which such party claims ownership of moneys held by the district court, the chief judge may invest such moneys in the same manner as provided by subsection (c). Interest received from the investment of moneys pursuant to this subsection shall become the property of the person found to be the owner of the moneys.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 8-2503 and 8-2504 and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-350 are
 hereby repealed.
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