

SESSION OF 2002

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE BILL NO. 364**

As Agreed to April 25, 2002

Brief *

SB 364, as amended, would change statutes pertaining to motor vehicle title fees and other related fees that provide revenue for the state. The bill would raise one current fee by \$1.00 and continue another \$1.00 fee for two more years. A total of \$8.00 will be charged in motor vehicle title fees.

First, the bill would extend for two additional years a \$1.00 fee collected when motor vehicle titles are issued or reissued. In addition, new transport permits also would be subject to the \$1.00 fee. These fees are deposited into the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fund pursuant to statute and the \$1.00 title fee would expire on June 30, 2004.

Second, the bill would raise a current \$2.50 fee to \$3.50 that is collected when titles are issued or reissued. In addition, new transport permits also would be subject to the \$3.50 fee. These fees are deposited into the Kansas Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Fund. Under current law, this fee will expire on June 30, 2004.

The bill resolves a number of conflicts created when bills approved by the Governor previously had amended many of the same motor vehicle title sections of law. It also clarifies that certificates of title for manufactured housing will be assessed a total of \$8.00 when titles are issued or reissued.

Background

Under current law, motor vehicle title fees include a basic fee of \$3.50 and other state fees of \$3.50. A \$1.00 fee for VIPS/CAMA is

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scheduled to expire on June 30, 2002, and the other \$2.50 fee for Highway Patrol is schedule to expire on June 30, 2004.

The Senate version of SB 364 addressed only continuing the \$1.00 fee for the VIPS/CAMA Technology Hardware Fund until June 30, 2004. The fee was established as a financing mechanism for purchases of computer hardware and software associated with the Vehicle Information Processing System (VIPS) and the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System maintained by the Department of Revenue. The \$1.00 fee produces slightly less than \$1.0 million per year and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2002. The bill would continue the fee in order to provide non-general fund financing two more years for a CAMA project. Absent fee fund financing, completion of the CAMA project could be dependent upon State General Fund financing. This measure was intended by the Senate Ways and Means Committee to reduce demands on the State General Fund in FY 2003 and FY 2004.

The House Committee made technical corrections to the bill since it carried over from the 2001 Session and needed updated statutory references. In addition, the House Committee added \$1.00 to the current \$2.50 fee collected for the Highway Patrol's Motor Vehicle Fund. The \$1.00 fee produces slightly less than \$1.0 million per year and the fee of \$3.50 is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2004. An amendment added by the House Committee of the Whole repealed a school bus warning sign provision.

The Conference Committee agreed on the House version of the bill, except the bus warning sign provision was removed for inclusion in another bill scheduled for conference.

In addition, the Conference Committee added new transport permits that will be subject to the additional \$1.00 fee designated for the Highway Patrol. The version of HB 2794 that included transport permits referenced to old \$2.50 rate and the Conference Committee action makes these fees consistent with other fees.

A number of conflicts created by passage of other 2002 bills (SB 449, SB 507, and HB 2794) that have been approved by the Governor are resolved in this bill. Additionally, the bill clarifies that certificates of title for manufactured housing will be assessed a total of \$8.00 in state fees.