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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2699

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2699 pertains to license plates. The bill would prohibit persons from covering any license plate or any part thereof with any material, including clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. The bill also prohibits placing a license plate frame around or over any license plate which does not allow full view of all numerals and letters printed on the plates. Violations of these provisions would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$30 for the first conviction, \$60 for the second conviction, and \$150 for the third or subsequent conviction.

Background

HB 2699 was sponsored and supported by Representatives Benlon and Bethell. Conferees noted that vehicles that have the license plates covered with clear or smoked-colored plastic covers make the plates illegible. In addition, it was noted that some frames infringe on the readability of the state name, registration year, or the six-digit identification number of the plate.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, it is not possible to predict the exact fiscal effect of HB 2699 on the courts. The full fiscal effect of the bill would not be known until the courts have had the opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>