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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2708

As Amended by
House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2708 concerns the use of motor vehicle auxiliary lamps. The bill would provide that whenever a motor vehicle is equipped with auxiliary driving lamps, the lamps must not be used as a substitute for headlamps or lighted at any time the headlamps are required to be on in the low-beam position.

The bill also would provide that from and after the effective date of the act, and prior to July 1, 2007, a law enforcement officer would issue a warning citation to violators.

Background

Representative Bethell appeared before the Committee in support of the bill. He explained that he had discussed the issue with several groups and found that these lights cause other drivers discomfort and temporary blindness. He further indicated that the bill would not exclude the use of "vanity lights" but would limit their use to the times that the high beam lights are illuminated.

No other conferees presented testimony to the Committee.

The Committee of the Whole amendment would provide that from and after the effective date of the act, and prior to July 1, 2007, a law enforcement officer would issue a warning citation to violators.

The fiscal note prepared on the original bill indicates that enactment of HB 2708 would have no fiscal effect.

*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.kslegislature.org>