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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2746

As Amended by Select Committee on
Veterans' Affairs

Brief*

HB 2746, as amended, pertains to the issuance of Support Our Troops, Inc. license plates beginning January 1, 2007 and thereafter. The bill would allow a resident owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered with a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less to be issued one Support Our Troops license plate for each vehicle or truck. The plates would be issued for the same time as other license plates and upon the presentation of the annual logo use authorization statement required in the bill. The bill also would:

- Allow Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc., to authorize the use of its logo to be placed on the plates;
- Require any royalty payment paid to Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc. to be used to support military families as per the by-laws of Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc.;
- Charge license plate applicants \$35 for the royalty payment;
- Require annual renewals of registration upon payment of the prescribed fee;
- Prohibit the transfer of registrations or license plates;
- Preclude the renewal until the applicant provides the annual logo use authorization statement;
- Provide that if the logo use authorization statement is not presented by the applicant at the time of registration, that the applicant return the plate to the country treasurer and register the vehicle under K.S.A. 8-143 (the annual registration law);

*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>

- Require Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc., to pay the initial cost of silk-screening for the plates and provide county treasurers with a toll-free number where applicants may call to check on the status of their application; and
- Authorize Kansas Support Our Troops, Inc., with the approval of the Director of Vehicles, to design the plate.

Background

A representative from Support Our Troops, Inc. spoke in support of the bill and a representative of the Department of Revenue offered recommendations for amendments to the bill as introduced. There were no opponents testifying at the bill hearing. The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates there is an indeterminate fiscal note associated with HB 2746.

The House Select Committee on Veterans Affairs deleted a provision which would have exempted the Support Our Troops, Inc., license plates from current law which requires a \$40 first time user fee to help pay for the cost of manufacturing the distinctive plate.

Additionally, current law requires the Director of Vehicles to discontinue issuing the plate if less than 500 license plates, including annual renewals, are issued by the end of the second year of sale or if less than 250 plates, including renewals, are issued in any subsequent two year period. The Support Our Troops, Inc., license plates would be subject to this provision.