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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 522

As Amended by House Committee on Transportation

Brief*

SB 522 would amend state law to allow certain commercial fleet vehicles weighing more than 26,000 pounds to participate in the fleet registration process of KSA 2007 Supp. 8-1,152 (Fleet motor vehicles; permanent registration; conditions). In addition, the bill would provide that the unused registration fee could be transferred to another fleet motor vehicle which is registered at the same or greater weight.

Background

Current state law (KSA 2007 Supp. 8-1,152) allows commercial fleets of 250 or more motor vehicles that meet additional requirements to register as a fleet and receive permanent license plates; only vehicles weighing between 12,000 pounds and 26,000 pounds have been included. SB 522 would allow a fleet to include in its fleet registration vehicles weighing more than 26,000 pounds that are not driven out of the state. The executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, which requested the bill, testified in the House and Senate Committees as a proponent. He said that the change would affect only one commercial fleet. There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The House Committee amendment pertaining to the unused registration fee was requested by the executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

^{*}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

The fiscal note on the original bill prepared by the Division of the Budget says that the bill would have no effect on state agency budgets, but counties could lose an undetermined amount of vehicle tax revenue.