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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2623

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2623 would prohibit displaying a vehicle license plate that is covered with any material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. The fine for violation would be \$60.

Background

Representative Lisa Benlon testified as a proponent of the bill, as did a representative of the Kansas Highway Patrol. They said that witnesses to crimes and law enforcement officers often are unable to read license plate numbers when plates are covered with materials that would be prohibited with this bill.

There was no other testimony on the bill.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to clarify which types of coverings would be prohibited.

According to the fiscal note, HB 2623 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new violation it would create. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates it could not estimate a precise fiscal effect on the court system but that any fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated with existing resources.

*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>