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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 462

As Recommended by Senate Committee on <u>Transportation</u>

Brief*

SB 462 would authorize the Director of Vehicles, Division of Vehicles (Division), Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), to waive the knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for an applicant who qualifies for a waiver under the military Even Exchange Program (Program) authorized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

[Note: Under the Program, an individual qualifies for an exemption from the knowledge test if the individual:

- Is currently licensed;
- Has been employed within the previous 12 months in a military position requiring operation of a military vehicle equivalent to a CMV; and
- Has submitted a completed application for military skills test waiver.]

The bill would remove rule and regulation authority of the Secretary of Revenue regarding CMV skills tests administered by community and technical colleges. [*Note:* No rules and regulations have been promulgated under this authority.]

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^{*}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

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of KDOR.

[Note: A companion bill, HB 2679, has been introduced in the House.]

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KDOR, stating that the Division already accepts Program applicants and this legislation would codify a Division practice and would help increase the pool of qualified commercial drivers' license holders.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOR and the Kansas Department of Transportation indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

Kansas Department of Transportation; Kansas Uniform Commercial Drivers' License Act; commercial drivers' license; testing requirements