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# **MEMO**

To: All Driver's License Examiners, County Treasurers & Law Enforcement

From: Lisa Kaspar, Director of Vehicles

Date: August 17 2015

Re: 2015 Legislative Changes

The 2015 Legislative changes that affect the Division of Vehicles are as follows:

#### CDL Codes

The bill adds two vehicle endorsement and restriction codes (E and O) to be designated on CDLs:

- "E" no manual transmission in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV);
- "O" no tractor-trailer:
- "M" no class A passenger vehicle;
- "N" no class A or B passenger vehicle;
- "Z" no full air brake in CMV;
- "K" for intrastate only; and
- "V" for medical variance.

The adoption of the additional codes is required for Kansas law to meet federal requirements for CDLs.

## Autocycle Definition

"Autocycle" is defined as a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it. There are several models out that fit this description. These are titled and registered as motorcycles, but the driver is not required to have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.

# IID Designation on DL or ID card

The division may issue a driver's license with a DUI-IID designation for a licensee that is operating under ignition interlock restrictions. We anticipate a January 2016 implementation date. The cost will be the amount of the license plus an additional \$10.00 fee.

#### Increase in Commercial Drive Test Fee

The Division of Vehicles has established a Commercial Drive Test fee of \$15.00 to help cover the cost of administering the test. This bill retained the \$3.00 fee for written and vision tests but adds a \$15.00 initial drive test fee and a \$10.00 re-exam drive test fee.

# Eliminate City/County Tag Report

With the implementation of the MOVRS system in 2012, it is no longer necessary for any City, County, Township, School District, Community or Technical College registering vehicles with the Division of Vehicles to file an annual report.

## Change in Decal Numbering Sequence

Currently, K.S.A. 8-134(e) requires that vehicle plate registration decals "be numbered serially in each county and shall indicate the year in which such registration expires". The requirement for decals to be numbered serially is a hold-over from the previous motor vehicle registration system. The current MVS system prints the corresponding plate number on which the registration decal is to be affixed, which makes the serial number requirement obsolete.

# Receipt in Lieu of Decal

Starting July 1, 2015 drivers who have renewed online at KSWebTags.org will have a 10 day grace period from the day their tags expire to receive the new decal in the mail. Customers will be able to print and carry the online renewal paid receipt in their vehicle until the decal arrives or save the confirmation receipt on their mobile device. Either will serve as proof to law enforcement that the customer has renewed their registration and are waiting for the decal to arrive. The grace period will not apply to those who renewed by mail. It also does not apply to those who do not complete their registration before their tags expire, which occurs on the last day of each month.

## Omega Phi Psi License Plate

On and after January 1, 2016, any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less, who is a resident of Kansas may be issued one Omega Psi Phi license plate for each passenger vehicle or truck. Such license plates shall be issued for the same time frame as other license plates upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fee. Availability of this license plate is dependent upon the Omega Phi Psi organization to meet necessary production requirements, therefore, the plate may not be available for issuance on January 1, 2016.