

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### PARENTAL CONSENT FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES APPROVED

■(GIT) Parents of teens would have the final say in whether their child could apply for a driver's license under the terms of a bill approved Tuesday by the Senate.

SB1115, authored by Brad Henry, D-Shawnee, would require a parent or guardian's consent before a child under the age of 18 could apply for and receive a driver's license. The bill would also allow the parent to withdraw that consent after the license is issued, resulting in the suspension of the driver's license.

Henry said he authored the bill in response to concerns expressed by two of his constituents, who he said were single mothers with incorrigible 16-year-old sons.

Henry said he did not see the measure as a solution to the juvenile crime problem, but called the measure "an additional tool for parents to deal with incorrigible children."

Senator Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, expressed concern that the measure might be abused by parents.

By unanimous consent, the bill's title was stricken, and it received a passing vote of 31-6.

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## TAXES

### HOUSE BILL GAINS PRAISE FROM MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR, PASSES HOUSE

■(GIT) HB2775 gained nonpartisan praise Thursday. The measure, authored by Rep. Fred Perry, R-Tulsa, would give new corporations with earnings of \$25,000 or less an exemption from state taxes for up to five years. The measure passed successfully 90 to 10, but some members had questions concerning regulation.

Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick, asked Perry if there were any provisions in the bill preventing a corporation from re-creating itself under a different name to receive the tax break again.

Rep. Leonard Sullivan, R-Oklahoma City, said the money would not be significant enough to entice most of those businesses into that scenario. The measure would save a company \$1,500 per year.

Perry agreed to strike the title and continue an open dialogue in codifying the bill. He agreed and stressed that the majority of new jobs in Oklahoma are created by small businesses and without adequate returns many declare bankruptcy within five years.

Rep. Robert Worthen, R-Oklahoma City, endorsed the measure. "Regarding fiscal impact of the bill, revenue would have gone to the general fund, but now it goes straight to the communities."

Governor Frank Keating also endorsed the bill.

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