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Compromise Will Keep Uber Rolling

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The Kansas Senate has approved a compromise on regulations that ride-hailing company Uber says will allow it to stay in the state.

The Senate passed the legislation 37-0 on Tuesday after the House approved it 119-3 earlier in the day.

Uber announced in early May that it had ceased operations in Kansas after the Legislature overrode the governor's veto on regulations the company opposed.

Under the new measure, Uber and other ride-hailing companies could do private background checks on their subcontracted drivers under the bill. But they could face lawsuits from the attorney general if drivers were found to be operating with a criminal background.

The compromise will now go to the governor. Republican Sen. Jeff Longbine says he believes the governor will sign it.

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