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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 52

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 52, as recommended, corrects technical errors found in the fire insurance premium receipt transfer dates to the Board of Emergency Medical Services pursuant to the passage of 2002 Senate Sub. for SB 508.

Background

2002 SB 508, in its original form, directed the Insurance Commissioner to levy on insurance companies doing business in the state, a percentage of automobile liability and homeowners insurance premiums to yield an aggregate amount equal to at least \$1,000,000, and provided that this revenue would be deposited into the Emergency Medical Services operating fund to finance the operation of the Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The Committee substituted the new provisions of the bill after evaluating the status of the Fire Marshal Fee Fund. A reduction of .25 percent would still generate approximately \$2,960,000 in receipts to finance the operation of the State Fire Marshal's office, as opposed to the current projections of \$3,700,000 at the current level of 1.25 percent. Correspondingly, projected revenues to be deposited to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund are estimated at \$750,000 for FY 2003.

The House Committee on Appropriations amended the bill and added a two-year sunset provision, which would allow the 2004 Legislature to review the provisions of the bill and propose changes as necessary. Additionally, the bill amended KSA 75-3170 which currently credits 20 percent of gross fee fund receipts deposited into

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the state treasury from particular state agencies. Senate Sub. for SB 508 would increase that percentage from 20 percent to 25 percent.

The House Committee of the Whole amended Sub. for SB 508 to include the provisions of 2002 HB 2991. The bill, as amended, established a 12-member Kansas Fire Service Training Commission to provide training and instruction for firefighters throughout the state through the fire service training program currently operated by the University of Kansas. Requirements for the selection of the commissioners, reimbursement for expenses, and duties to be performed were presented in the bill.

Additionally, the Fire Service Training Fund was established and the amount of \$750,000 would be transferred from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund to the Fire Service Training Program Fund in FY 2003 and FY 2004 to provide financing for the program.