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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2528

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2528 amends various laws providing for fire districts to allow such districts to pay for the acquisition, installation, or maintenance of one or more fire hydrants on water lines of rural water districts. The bill also amends a statute dealing with persons who are authorized to conduct fire or explosion investigations to further clarify that the chief of any organized fire department may designate qualified persons to conduct these investigations.

The House Committee amendments were clarifying in nature. The House Committee of the Whole added the provisions dealing with who may investigate fires and explosions.

Background

The bill was supported by Representative Mast, representatives of Coffey County Fire District No. 1, the Kansas Fire District No. 1, the Kansas Fire Services Alliances, and the Kansas Rural Water Association. A representative from Johnson County Water District No. 1 called for an amendment to clarify the bill only applied to rural water districts since Water District No. 1 currently has the responsibility for providing fire hydrants.

The bill was prompted by an Attorney General's Opinion, which said fire districts could not spend moneys for installation of fire hydrants. (See Attorney General Opinion No. 2002-27.)

*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>