

SESSION OF 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2894

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2894 would create an exemption from the requirement for a state hunting or fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife and Parks for veterans who reside in Kansas. The bill would define a veteran as a person who was a member of the armed forces and who separated from the armed services under honorable conditions. The bill would require the veteran to submit documentation from the federal Veterans' Administration or from a branch of the armed services as proof of exempt status. Additionally, the bill would provide Kansas residents who are home on leave from active duty in the armed services a temporary hunting license. The fee for the temporary license could not exceed \$10.

Background

Representative Carlson and Representative Brown spoke in support of the bill as did representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Veteran Information Network, the American Legion, and the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs. A representative from the Department of Wildlife and Parks appeared as an opponent to the bill at the House Select Committee hearing.

The House Select Committee on Veterans Affairs amended the bill to include a definition of an eligible veteran.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include a provision allowing Kansas residents who are on leave from active duty in the armed services to obtain temporary hunting licenses for a fee not to exceed \$10.

The fiscal note by the Director of the Budget indicated that provisions included in the original bill could result in a reduction in revenue for the Department of Wildlife and Parks totaling \$2,060,717

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all funds in FY 2007. The fiscal effect would be in addition to amounts included in *The FY 2007 Governor's Budget Report*.