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SB 523 Proponent Testimony
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Senator Mike Thompson
Kansas Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee Chair
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Thompson and Members of the Committee:

This correspondence is to support the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 523. In 2021, the legislature passed HB 2058, referred to as the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act. Among other things, this law amended K.S.A. 21-6301 and 21-6304 and added new sections to both of these statutes. Several provisions of these two statutes are cited in the Personal and Family Protection Act, specifically in K.S.A. 75-7c04(a), as disqualifying convictions for possession of a concealed carry license in the State of Kansas. The citations in K.S.A. 75-7c04(a) were inadvertently not adjusted in HB 2058, so the citations in this Act to K.S.A. 21-6301 and 21-6304 have been inaccurate since the passage of the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act. Without altering anything achieved by the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act, SB 523 updates the citations within K.S.A. 75-7c04(a) to reflect the amended numbering in the modified statutes. SB 523 also includes several adjustments by the Revisor's Office.

Further, SB 523 adds a requirement for suspended or revoked concealed carry licenses to be surrendered to the Office of the Attorney General. Suspended licenses will be returned to the licensee at the conclusion of the suspension. This provision prevents improper use of invalid licenses. This provision makes the Personal and Family Protection Act consistent with other provisions of Kansas law (K.S.A. 8-257) requiring surrender of suspended driver's licenses, nondriver's identification cards, and other forms of identification.

These technical corrections and administrative changes will aid the Office of the Attorney General with the performance of its statutory duties under the Personal and Family Protection Act. I urge your support of SB 523. I appreciate your time and attention, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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