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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 10, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2261

House Bill 2261 would provide that Kansas highway patrol majors are within the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and provide a permanent status rank that highway patrol superintendent, assistant superintendent and majors would be returned to after holding such positions.

HB 2261 amends K.S.A. 74-2113, the statute that establishes the Kansas highway patrol and provides the employment qualifications and procedures for highway patrol officers. Currently, K.S.A. 74-2113 provides that the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the highway patrol are within the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. HB 2261 would provide that highway patrol majors are also within the unclassified service. HB 2261 also specifies that upon a superintendent, assistant superintendent or major fulfilling a term and leaving such respective position, then the officers shall be returned to a rank with permanent status not lower than the rank held when such officer was appointed as superintendent, assistant superintendent or a major.

The provisions of HB 2261 would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.