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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2422

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2422, as amended, would exempt state corrections officers and state parole officers from the required completion of a handgun safety and training course if the officer has been certified by firearms training from an appropriate entity not more than one year prior to submission of an application. Also included in the exception would be corrections officers employed by the federal Bureau of Prisons who have been issued a certificate of firearms training.

The bill would require the initial license fee of \$132.50 for concealed carry applications to be paid by all applicants for an original license, including retired law enforcement officers, state corrections and parole officers, and federal corrections officers.

The bill also would change the term "weapons" to "handgun" which is the term used in the concealed carry statutes.

Background

Proponents of the bill, as introduced, included Representative Jana Goodman and the President of the Kansas State Rifle Association, Inc. The Office of Attorney General staff provided neutral testimony that indicated a proposed reduced fee of \$75 for corrections officers in the

*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>

bill, as introduced, could reduce revenues up to a maximum of \$92,000 if all 1,840 corrections officers made application under the reduced fee.

The bill, as introduced, would have exempted only state corrections officers from the required completion of a weapons safety and training course if the officer had been certified by the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training or a similar organization from another jurisdiction in the past eight years. The bill also would have allowed corrections officers to pay a reduced license fee of \$75. Under current law, corrections officers must pay the full initial license fee of \$132.50 for concealed carry. There is no waiver in current law of the additional weapons safety training for corrections officers. Retired law enforcement officers are required to pay \$75 under current law for an initial application for concealed carry.

The House Committee amended the bill to add state parole officers and federal corrections officers to the exemption from a handgun safety and training course. The House Committee also amended the bill to make the initial application fee uniform for everyone applying for the concealed carry license, including retired law enforcement officers, state corrections officers, state parole officers, and federal corrections officers. The term "weapons" was changed to "handgun" by the House Committee to make it consistent with the concealed carry statutes.

The fiscal note indicated a loss of up to \$92,000 of revenue to the Attorney General's fee fund by reducing the application fee from \$132.50 to \$75.00 for state corrections officers as proposed in the bill as introduced. No revised fiscal note was available for the bill as amended.

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