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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2491

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2491, as amended, would prohibit the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism from making any rule or regulation that would prevent an individual from carrying a handgun while lawfully hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting. An amendment deleted the phrase "for the purpose of self defense" from the language regarding carrying a handgun while hunting, fishing or fur harvesting.

Background

Proponents for the bill included Representative Jim Howell and the Chief Attorney, Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Written only testimony was provided by two other state representatives, the President of the Kansas State Rifle Association, Inc., and five other individuals.

The Committee amended the bill to clarify the language about carrying a handgun while hunting, fishing or fur harvesting by deleting the phrase "for the purpose of self defense" in the bill as introduced.

The fiscal note indicated there would be no impact on the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

*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>