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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2550**

As Amended by House Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

HB 2550, as amended, would allow clubs, drinking establishments, caterers, holders of temporary permits, and on-premise cereal malt beverage retailers to sell and serve alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at different prices at specified times during the day.

**Background**

Currently, alcoholic beverages can be sold all day at reduced prices, but they cannot be sold at reduced prices for only certain hours during the day. The bill, as introduced, would allow "happy hour" sales at reduced prices for certain designated times during the day. Proponents for the bill included Representative John Rubin, representatives of the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, the Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association, Talk of the Town, and Overland Park and Leawood establishments.

One of the conferees indicated an amendment would be needed to clarify in the bill that alcoholic beverages could be sold at different prices during certain hours of the day.

The Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control appeared as neutral on the bill, as introduced, but asked to amend the bill and add provisions from SB 288 that addresses proportionate pricing of alcoholic beverages.

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\*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>

The House Committee amended the bill by striking the original language that would have allowed sales at a price less than that charged all other purchases of drinks on that day and adding the new language that would permit selling, offering to sell, or serving any drink at different prices during certain hours of the day.

The fiscal note indicated that the Department of Revenue estimates HB 2550, as introduced, would increase agency expenditures by \$4,800 in FY 2013 to update the computer processing system.