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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2562

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2562 would provide that any person who is not a health care provider and in good faith, without compensation, renders emergency care or assistance to a person, including a minor without first obtaining the consent of the parent or guardian of such minor, at the scene of an emergency or accident would not be held liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions other than damages occasioned by gross negligence or by willful or wanton acts or omissions by the person in rendering such emergency care.

Background

In the House Committee on Judiciary, representatives of the American Heart Association, Galichia Heart Hospital, and Kansas CPR, Inc. offered testimony in support of HB 2562. A representative of the Kansas Association for Justice appeared as an opponent. The Committee amended the bill by replacing "gratuitously" with "without compensation," and by clarifying that the bill protects persons who provide emergency care or assistance to a person, including a minor without first obtaining the consent of the parent or guardian of such minor.

The fiscal note indicates passage of HB 2562 would have no fiscal effect.

*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>