

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON FIREARMS' BILLS

February 11, 2013

During a meeting of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs on February 5, 2013, Chairperson Arlan Siegfried established a Subcommittee on Firearms' Bills to review and make recommendations regarding relevant legislation assigned to the Committee.

Representative Steve Brunk was named Chairperson of the Subcommittee and the members appointed were Representatives Ken Corbet, Brett Hildabrand, Robert Montgomery, and Emily Perry. The bills to be considered were HB2052, HB2055, HB2098, HB2111, HB2190, and HB2199. Another bill, if introduced in time for review, also was to be considered. (HB2270 was introduced the day after the Subcommittee meeting.)

The first meeting was held at noon on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in room 287-N. All members of the Subcommittee attended this meeting. Chairperson Brunk introduced the work of the Subcommittee, suggesting that the content of the six legislative proposals might be consolidated into fewer bills for more focused hearings and review by the full Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed each of the bills assigned to the Subcommittee, including HB2052, HB2055, HB2098, HB2111, HB2190, and HB2199. Mr. Long responded to questions from the Subcommittee members. Representative Jim Howell also discussed the other proposed legislation (HB2270) that was not introduced in time for the Subcommittee to review. He noted that it was similar to HB2055, but with several other items to consider after its introduction.

Chairperson Brunk asked for interaction from the audience and recognized various persons, including several other legislators, a representative of the Kansas Rifle Association, and one citizen.

Following general discussion among members of the Subcommittee and with members of the audience, Chairperson Brunk suggested grouping the bills into three legislative proposals by combining certain bills with similar or overlapping content. He suggested two stand-alone bills be considered as the first two legislative proposals: HB2052 and HB2199. He also suggested that HB2055, HB2098, HB2111, and HB2190 be combined into a substitute bill as the third legislative proposal, along with the content of the other bill discussed briefly (HB2270).

RECOMMENDATION

HB2052 would enact a new statewide law about the discharge of a firearm. It was the only bill reviewed that addresses the subject of discharging a firearm.

HB2199 also would establish another new law, the Second Amendment Protection Act. It was the only bill reviewed that concerns the manufacture and ownership of personal firearms solely within the state of Kansas.


The other bills reviewed in Subcommittee, HB2055, HB2098, HB2111, and HB2190, plus HB2270 that was introduced after the Subcommittee meeting, would amend either

(1) the Personal and Family Protection Act (the concealed carry law); or

(2) other statutes pertaining to the possession of firearms in certain public buildings of both state and municipal governments.

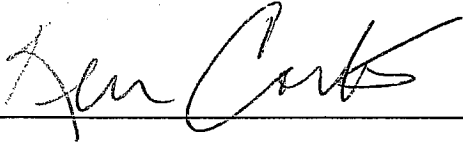
The Subcommittee reached a consensus about the three groupings of the bills, and the Chairperson will report the Subcommittee's recommendation to focus on three separate legislative proposals, namely HB2052, HB2199, and the contents of HB2055, HB2098, HB2111, and HB2190, plus HB2270, to be included in a third bill that will be a substitute bill.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Steve Brunk, Chairperson

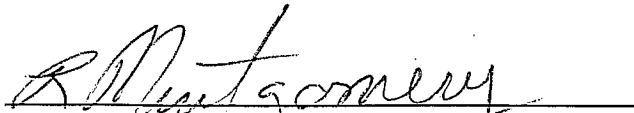
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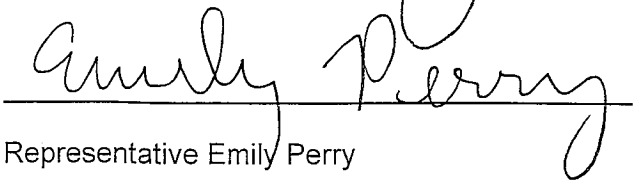
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