

March 2, 2016

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 467 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 467 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 467 would prohibit an attorney who is not regularly admitted to practice law in Kansas from engaging in advertising that is directed at Kansas citizens to solicit clients for commencement of any civil action in the state. Advertising would mean any written, electronic or printed communication or any communication by means of recorded telephone messages or transmitted on radio, television, the Internet or similar communications media, including film strips, motion pictures and videos, published, disseminated, circulated or placed before the public, directly or indirectly. These prohibitions would not apply to any attorney legally authorized to practice law in Kansas, or one who has associated with a Kansas attorney who intends to be substantially involved in and whose identity is disclosed in the advertisement. The Disciplinary Administrator of the Kansas Supreme Court would be required to take disciplinary action against any attorney who violates the provisions of this bill and file a complaint with the appropriate official or agency of any state in which the attorney is licensed.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates the enactment of SB 467 would increase costs related to additional disciplinary actions taken against any attorney who violates the provisions of this bill. However, an accurate estimate of the additional expenditures the Judicial Branch may incur cannot be determined.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary