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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2029

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2029 would update existing law regarding identification of domesticated cervids (a term meaning all members of the deer family, including elk, moose, and all species of deer) by requiring each animal entering or leaving a premises, either alive or dead, to have official identification as identified in rules and regulations of the Animal Health Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. Official identification would not be required if the domesticated cervid was being moved to a licensed or registered slaughter facility in Kansas.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. At the hearing in the House Committee, the Kansas Livestock Commissioner, as well as a representative from the Kansas Cervid Breeders Association presented testimony in favor of the bill. Proponents testified that current law mandates all domesticated cervids to be identified through implantation of microchips, ear tags, ear tattoos, ear notches, or any other permanent identification. The proponents stated the changes made by the bill would simplify the cervid tagging requirements and would be a more practical approach to identifying the animals. There was no neutral or opponent testimony presented on the bill.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

*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 fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Agriculture's agency operations.