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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 46

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

SB 46 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 Senate Committee on Agriculture.

At the Senate Committee hearing on the bill, proponent testimony was provided by the Animal Health Commissioner and a representative of the Kansas Cervid Breeders Association. 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 bring cervid identification in line with other livestock species in the state, including sheep, goats, and dairy cattle. The Animal Health Commissioner stated rules and regulations for official identification were approved during

*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 2014 Interim. There was no neutral or opponent testimony provided at the Senate Committee hearing.

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.