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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 52

As Amended by Senate Committee on Public
Health and Welfare

Brief*

SB 52, as amended, would add several drugs and modify drug classes to the schedules of controlled substances. Specifically, the bill would add several synthetic opioids to schedule I, update existing synthetic cannabinoid class definitions, add thiafentanil to schedule II, and add brivaracetam to schedule V.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare at the request of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the State Board of Pharmacy, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and Kansas County and District Attorneys Association testified in favor of the bill. The proponents stated the majority of the proposed changes have been permanently added to the federal schedules. The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association provided written-only proponent testimony. A private citizen provided opponent testimony. No neutral testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the State Board of Pharmacy.