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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2211

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2211 would amend law concerning driver's license reinstatement fees. Specifically, the bill would allow a person who is assessed a driver's license reinstatement fee and surcharge as provided by continuing law to petition the court to waive payment of such fee and surcharge. The court could waive, in whole or in part, or modify the method of payment of such fee and surcharge if it finds payment of the assessed amount would impose manifest hardship on that person or that person's immediate family.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Judicial Branch. The chairperson of the Judicial Branch *Ad Hoc* Committee on Bonding Practices, Fines, and Fees in Municipal Courts and representatives of the Judicial Branch, the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), and League of Kansas Municipalities testified in support of the bill. A representative of the Kansas District Judges Association provided written-only proponent testimony. No other testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Judicial Branch estimates enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the courts because if fees are waived, revenue going into certain Judicial Branch fee funds would decrease. However, these reductions would be

*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>

partially offset by a provision in the bill allowing judges to reduce fees imposed, resulting in partial payment by an individual who would otherwise be unable to pay a fee amount in full. The KDOR indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.