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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 451

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

SB 451, as amended, would remove a requirement for which a Kansas resident must provide satisfactory proof that the person is at least 1/16 Indian by blood for purposes of receiving a free, permanent license to hunt, fish, and furharvest in the state.

The bill would also change the definition of “federally recognized tribe,” for purposes of the bill, to an Indian tribe that appears on the list of Indian tribes published by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994.

[*Note:* The other requirement, that a person must maintain enrollment on a tribal membership roll maintained by a federally recognized tribe, would remain in continuing law.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Senator Kerschen on behalf of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP).

*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>

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee, the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks provided **proponent** testimony. The Secretary stated that to-date, all tribes that KDWP works with to issue the permanent licenses have at least a 1/16 blood requirement to be enrolled as a tribal member; therefore, the requirement in law is redundant and unnecessary. No other testimony was provided.

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

House Committee on Agriculture

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KDWP. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add to the definition of “federally recognized tribe” to include an Indian tribe that appears on the list of Indian tribes published by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, title 1, pub. L. 103-454.

Fiscal Information

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

Wildlife and parks; licenses; American Indian; federally recognized tribe, tribal membership; federal Indian Tribe List Act of 1994