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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Seiwert and members of the House Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2013

RE: House Bill 2138

HB 2138 would repeal a number of oil and gas statutes. In addition to the listed statutes, the bill was intended to also repeal K.S.A. 55-106. I have attached a balloon to my memo that would make the appropriate change to the bill.

K.S.A. 55-103 through 55-105 prohibit "flambeau" lights and regulate the use of "jumbo" burner lights. "Flambeau" lights and "jumbo" burner lights, which were unenclosed and enclosed natural gas torches respectively, were used to light city streets prior to electric lighting. Neither "flambeau" nor "jumbo" lights are in use today. Violating these prohibitions is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of between \$50 and \$200.

K.S.A. 55-106 through 55-109 prohibit the interference with gas pipes, unauthorized connections to gas pipes, and setting fire to escaped gas. Violating these prohibitions is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of between \$25 and \$100 and civil liability for any damages.

K.S.A. 55-301 through 55-310 authorize individual state counties to appoint a county gas commissioner to inspect gas wells, pipelines and consumption. The statutes detail the duties, reports, inspections, compensation and other responsibilities and powers of the inspector. Violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of between \$25 and \$500.

HOUSE BILL No. 2138

By Committee on General Government Budget

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Technical amendment
2/13/2013
Prepared by M Sterling
Revisor of Statutes Office

1 AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 55-103, 55-104, 55-105, ~~55-107, 55-108, 55-~~
2 109, 55-301, 55-302, 55-303, 55-304, 55-305, 55-306, 55-307, 55-308,
3 55-309 and 55-310; concerning oil and gas.

55-106,

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 55-103, 55-104, 55-105, ~~55-107, 55-108, 55-109,~~
7 55-301, 55-302, 55-303, 55-304, 55-305, 55-306, 55-307, 55-308, 55-309
8 and 55-310 are hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.