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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2033

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2033 would prohibit cities from regulating the transportation, possession, carrying, sales, transfers, purchases, gifting, licensing, registration, or uses of a knife or knife making components. In addition, the bill would prohibit a city from passing any ordinance that would be more restrictive regarding knife manufacturing than the manufacture of any other commercial product.

The bill also would amend provisions related to the criminal use of weapons and criminally carrying a weapon by removing certain types of knives and eliminating certain exceptions for carrying specific types of pocket knives and switchblade knives.

Background

Representatives Carlson and Howell appeared as proponents of the bill. In addition, a representative of Knife Rights, Inc. also supported the bill.

A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police testified against the bill at the House Committee hearing.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget indicated the League of Kansas Municipalities reported the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.

*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>