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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 357

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 357 would increase the number of deferrals from one to two for the completion of hunter education for a person who is 16 or more years of age. Each deferral would be valid until the end of the license year in which a license is purchased.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee of Natural Resources. At the Senate Committee hearing on the bill, the Chief Legal Counsel of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) provided testimony in support of the bill. The Chief Legal Counsel stated the bill is one piece of hunter recruitment efforts of the KDWPT. The apprentice license allows anyone 16 or older to buy a hunting license, deferring the requirement for hunter education certification, but requiring the holder to have adult supervision while hunting. The Chief Legal Counsel explained that weather conditions, game populations, and other factors may limit the hunting experience of an apprentice who is currently allowed a one-time deferral. The Chief Legal Counsel stated allowing prospective hunters to purchase up to three apprentice licenses would ensure adequate hunting opportunities. There was no opponent or neutral testimony on the bill.

At the hearing on the bill before the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources the only conferee was

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the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism who appeared as a proponent.

The House Committee amendment changes the number of allowable separate deferrals for completion of hunter education from three to two.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states passage of the original bill would have no fiscal effect on KDWPT operations.