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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: 1/27/2021
RE: House Bill 2059

HB 2059 would amend K.S.A. 21-5914, 21-6301, 21-6302, 21-6309, 32-1002, 75-7c02, 75-7c03, 75-7c04, 75-7c08 and 75-7c21 concerning recognition of licenses to conceal carry a handgun and creating a special license for individuals under 21 years of age.

Under current law, it is illegal for an individual under 21 years of age to carry a firearm concealed on their person and the attorney general is prohibited from issuing a license to conceal carry to any individual under the age of 21.

HB 2059 would recognize a valid license or permit to carry a concealed handgun that was issued by another jurisdiction, but only while the holder is not a resident of Kansas. This recognition of a license or permit from another jurisdiction would be limited to the concealed carrying of handguns in Kansas and the holder of such license or permit would be required to otherwise act in accordance with the laws of Kansas while present in the state. The bill would also authorize the attorney general to issue a provisional license to individuals that were less than 21 years of age.

HB 2059 would make it legal for an individual that had a provisional license issued by the attorney general or had a license or permit issued by another jurisdiction that was recognized by Kansas to carry a concealed handgun. The bill would also make several corresponding changes to existing exceptions to other criminal statutes to clarify that possession of a concealed handgun would be legal if the individual was 21 years of age or either had a provisional license or a license or permit issued by another jurisdiction that was recognized in Kansas.