

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 283

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 283, as amended, would amend the COVID-19 Response and Reopening for Business Liability Protection Act to extend the expiration date of the statute governing COVID-19 claim immunity for persons or agents of persons conducting business in the state by one year, until March 31, 2022.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs by Senator Petersen at the request of the Kansas Chamber. As introduced, the bill would have removed the March 31, 2021, expiration date included in the statute governing business liability and changed the retroactivity provision applicable to claims under the statute.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing on March 2, 2021, a representative of the Kansas Chamber testified as a **proponent** of the bill. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

On March 2, 2021, the Senate Committee adopted an amendment to extend the March 31, 2021, expiration date to March 31, 2022, and to remove the change to the retroactivity of such claims.

Fiscal Information

No fiscal note was available when the Senate Committee took action on the bill.

COVID-19; liability; immunity; business; state of disaster emergency