

**SECOND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 116**

As Agreed to April 4, 2023

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 116 would amend the Personal and Family Protection Act to remove certain fees paid by persons who have applied for a concealed carry license (CCL) or who are seeking renewal of such license, specifying no such fees would be required to be paid except to cover the cost of taking fingerprints.

Issuance of a Concealed Carry License

Pursuant to current law, CCL issuance fees total \$132.50, which must be paid in the form of two cashier's checks, personal checks, or money orders in the amount of:

- \$100 payable to the Attorney General; and
- \$32.50 payable to the sheriff of the county where the applicant resides.

The bill would remove the \$100 fee payable to the Attorney General. The bill would not remove a fee in the amount of \$32.50, which will be payable for the cost of covering the taking of fingerprints as required by continuing law.

Concealed Carry License Card

The bill would also remove a \$16 fee paid to the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) for issuance and renewal of the CCL card.

Concealed Carry License Renewal

Under current law, CCLs may be renewed by paying a fee of \$25 and meeting other requirements. The bill would remove that fee and the late fee of \$15 for the failure to renew the CCL on or before the expiration date.

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Conference Committee Action

The second Conference Committee agreed to remove the contents of House Sub. for SB 116 pertaining to alcoholic liquor and insert the contents of HB 2412 as passed by the House pertaining to concealed carry license fees. [Note: Provisions similar to those of SB 116 were placed into the conference committee report on HB 2059.]

Background

HB 2412 (Concealed Carry License Fees)

HB 2412 was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Schmoe.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Schmoe, the Attorney General, and a representative of the Kansas State Rifle Association. The proponents stated removal of the fee would allow more Kansans to be trained and licensed and that Kansas would become the second state in the country without a CCL fee.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a private citizen. No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared on HB 2412 by the Division of the Budget, the Office of the Attorney General states that deleting the fees would result in the loss of approximately \$1.2 million in fee fund revenues for FY 2024. If the bill is enacted, the agency would require State General Fund (SGF) moneys to replace the loss of fee fund revenues and to pay the salaries, wages, and operating expenses of the CCL Unit.

KDOR indicates it has issued an average of 21,139 CCLs each year for the past five years. Of the \$16 fee, \$8 is paid to the vendor and \$8 is deposited into the State Highway Fund. The total loss of revenue would be \$338,224 in FY 2024. If the bill is enacted, the agency states the Driver's License Photo Fee Fund would be used to pay the \$8 that is paid to the vendor. In addition, the agency would need to remove the fees for a CCL in its KanLicense system, which would require four hours of development work and two hours of testing, for a total cost of \$250 from the SGF.

The Kansas Department of Transportation states enactment of the bill would reduce revenues to the State Highway Fund by \$169,112 in FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2412 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Personal and Family Protection Act; concealed carry; permit; fee; Attorney General

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