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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2373

As Amended by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

HB 2373, as amended, would allow fireworks retailers to sell, deliver, consign, give, or otherwise furnish consumer fireworks to the public for their personal use at any time during the calendar year.

[Note: Current law limits consumer fireworks to be sold during fireworks season as set forth in the rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal.]

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Collins.

House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Collins and a representative of the Kansas Fireworks Association. The proponents generally stated the bill would extend the retail fireworks season and increase sales tax revenue to the state accordingly.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by three private citizens.

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^{*}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

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to allow fireworks to be sold at any time during the calendar year. [Note: The bill, as introduced, would have added a second fireworks season from December 26 through January 1 and codified the fireworks season currently limited by rules and regulations.]

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State Fire Marshal notes that fireworks sale dates are currently authorized by rules and regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal and states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could increase fireworks sales which could result in increased sales tax revenue to local governments.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.

Fireworks; fireworks season; State Fire Marshal