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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2729

As Further Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2729 would allow the owner of a vehicle to purchase a nontransferable park and recreation motor vehicle permit during the vehicle registration process. Such permit would cost \$15 and would be valid until the vehicle registration expires in one year.

The bill would set the annual motor vehicle permit fee for state park admission at \$22.50 and the one-day motor vehicle permit fee for state park admission at \$3.50, both subject to change by rules and regulations. The bill also would eliminate the 50 percent fee reductions on both annual and daily park and recreation motor vehicle permits for Kansas residents age 65 or older or for persons with disabilities.

In addition, the bill would require the applicant for the motor vehicle permit to consent to the sharing of information, including, but not limited to, the applicant's name, address, email address, and phone number with the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The effective date of the bill would be January 1, 2013.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Robin Jennison, Secretary of the Department, was the lone proponent of the bill. No opposition was presented during the hearing. The

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Department believes the enhanced convenience of the annual pass during vehicle registration will result in greater participation and generate revenue, which will be used to make state parks more self-sufficient.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources made technical changes and established the effective date as January 1, 2013.

This bill, after being passed by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, was ultimately referred to House Appropriations Committee and then back to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

During the second consideration by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, the bill was amended to require that an applicant for the motor vehicle consent to the sharing of information, including, but not limited to, the applicant's name, address, email address, and phone number with the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The Division of the Budget's fiscal note on the original bill indicates an estimate of \$1,787,663 in increased revenue for the Parks Fee Fund, based off participation statistics from a similar program in Michigan. Implementation of this program is estimated to cost \$109,430, which will be paid by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.