

SESSION OF 2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 459**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 459 would repeal the authority of the State Fire Marshal to charge certification, licensing, permitting, and inspection fees to the fireworks and fire extinguisher industries in Kansas.

**Background**

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, the State Fire Marshal appeared in support of the bill. He testified fireworks and fire extinguisher industries are some of the only groups that are charged fees by the State Fire Marshal for services provided to other groups at no cost. He also stated he believed the Office could absorb the loss of fee revenue within the existing budget. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by a representative of the Kansas Fireworks Association. There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

The Senate Committee adopted a balloon amendment provided by the Office of Revisor of Statutes, which included an additional statute needing to be amended in order to repeal all the fees.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states the Office of State Fire Marshal indicated it could continue to regulate businesses that inspect fire extinguishers and fireworks vendors within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

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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>