Hunting and Fishing Violations; HB 2191

HB 2191 amends law allowing a resident of Kansas charged with violating provisions of law requiring a license, permit, stamp, or other issue from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) to avoid being convicted if the person presents to the court or the office of the arresting officer an issue of KDWPT to state the issue must have been valid at the time of the person's alleged violation rather than the date of an arrest.

Additionally, the bill specifies the “physical” license be forfeited, suspended, or surrendered if ordered so by a judge.

The bill also makes the provision of law requiring an officer to prepare a written citation to an individual charged with violating any of the laws pertaining to wildlife and parks permissive rather than mandatory. Finally, the bill eliminates a provision that subjects officers to being found guilty of misconduct and removal from office if they violate the provisions of law relating to the issuance of citations.