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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2326

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2326, as amended, would amend law related to the carrying of concealed weapons.

Recognition of Out-of-State Licenses

The bill would specify the license or permit of any person who holds a valid license or permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by another jurisdiction would be recognized in the state while such person is not a resident of the state.

The bill would provide a valid license or permit issued by another jurisdiction would only entitle the lawful holder to carry concealed handguns allowed under the definition in state law, and would require such persons to act in accordance with Kansas laws while carrying a concealed handgun in the state.

The bill would state the recognition of a license or permit from another jurisdiction would not be construed to impose a general prohibition on the open or concealed carrying of handguns without a license, either loaded or unloaded.

Issuance of Kansas Concealed Carry Permits

The bill would amend a requirement in Kansas law that concealed carry permits be issued only to persons age 21 or

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older to authorize such permits to be issued to persons age 18 or older who also meet other requirements in continuing law.

Criminal Carrying of a Weapon

The bill would also state criminal provisions in continuing law related to any person under the age of 21 carrying a concealed firearm would not apply to persons lawfully carrying a concealed firearm while meeting the other requirements of the bill.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative B. Carpenter. In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by an Assistant Attorney General and the Kansas State Rifle Association.

Opponent testimony was provided by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and private citizens. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by Kansas InterFaith Action and private citizens. No neutral testimony was provided.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to change a requirement in current Kansas law that a concealed carry permit be issued only to a person age 21 or older, to authorize such permits be issued to persons age 18 or older who also meet other requirements in continuing law.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch. The Office of the Attorney General states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.