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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 18, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2277

HB 2277 clarifies the definition of possession in the criminal code.

Current law in K.S.A. 21-5111 defines possession as “having joint or exclusive control over an item with knowledge of or intent to have such control or knowingly keeping some item in a place where the person has some measure of access and right of control.”

This bill would change the definition to “knowingly having joint or exclusive control over an item or knowingly keeping some item in a place where the person has some measure of access and right of control.”