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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture  
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 22, 2023  
Subject: HB 2039—Free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans

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House Bill 2039 as amended by House Committee would require the secretary of wildlife and parks to issue a permanent license to hunt and fish to disabled veterans residing in this state free of charge. Any such disabled veteran would still be subject to all applicable rules and regulations related to hunting or fishing. The bill defines “disabled veteran” to mean a person who was a member of the armed services, has separated from the armed services under honorable conditions and has a disability certified by the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office as being service-connected and at least 30%. HB 2039 would make conforming amendments to relevant statutes.

Additionally, HB 2039 would remove the sunset provisions enacted in 2012 that exempted residents aged 75 or older from hunting and fishing license requirements. The exemption sunset on June 30, 2020. The removal of this sunset would make the exemption permanent.

The bill also make technical changes and would take effect on July 1 upon publication in the statute book.