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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2674

As Amended by Senate Committee on Transportation

Brief*

HB 2674 concerns the Highway Patrol; as amended, it would repeal five statutes and amend one.

These statutes would be amended or repealed:

- KSA 74-2105 would be amended, to delete language about services to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and about the Bureau's officers and employees. This agency was severed from the Highway Patrol many years ago;
- KSA 74-2112 would be repealed, as the Department of Transportation no longer provides headquarters for the Highway Patrol;
- KSA 74-2116 would be repealed, as a specific requirement to pay for expenses monthly is no longer needed;
- KSA 74-2119 is repealed, and is the transfer statute from the previous agency responsible for the Highway Patrol’s current duties;
- KSA 74-2125 would be repealed, and transferred an old Highway Patrol fund to the State General Fund. Since this objective has been completed, the statute is no longer needed; and

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KSA 74-2133 would be repealed, and allowed the Highway Patrol to sell a building in 1989.

Background

At hearings before the House Budget Committee on Transportation and Public Safety and the Senate Transportation Committee, written testimony in support of the bill was provided by a representative of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The Senate Transportation Committee also heard proponent testimony from the Executive Director of the Board of Emergency Medical Services; he also suggested an amendment.

No neutral or opponent testimony was presented.

The Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill as suggested by the the Executive Director of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, to remove a sentence from KSA 74-2105: "Officers and employees of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services shall not wear badges and uniforms of office."

The fiscal note on HB 2674 indicates there will be no fiscal effect related to the passage of the bill.