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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2208

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2208 would ban the sale and service of powdered alcohol. The Club and Drinking Establishment Act would be amended to prohibit clubs, drinking establishments, caterers, holders of temporary permits, and public venues from selling, offering to sell, or serving free of charge any form of powdered alcohol.

The bill also would define “powdered alcohol” as alcohol prepared in a powdered or crystal form for either direct use or for reconstruction in a nonalcoholic liquid.

Background

At the hearing in the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) as well as representatives from the Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association and the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association appeared in support of the bill. The proponents testified there were questions about the safety of powdered alcohol, particularly about the intensity of the alcohol created by its use and the potential for use by underage drinkers. The proponents also noted several other states had passed bills banning the sale of powdered alcohol, and federal approval for powdered alcohol had been revoked last year. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by the Women’s Christian Temperance Union.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

There was no neutral or opponent testimony on the bill.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Revenue has indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency.