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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2207**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Agriculture

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2207 would require a person licensed to hunt to obtain permission from a landowner before pursuing a wounded game bird or animal onto another person's property. Violation of this provision would be considered "criminal hunting." Additionally, if any landowner has posted signs stating "written permission is required" or has painted purple marks on trees or posts, the bill would require a person licensed to hunt to obtain written permission from the landowner before pursuing a wounded game bird or animal onto another property.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture. In the House Committee hearing, Representative Corbet, Representative Seiwert, and a private citizen testified in favor of the bill. Nine private citizens submitted written-only testimony in favor of the bill. Proponents stated the bill would protect private property rights and improve hunter safety by requiring hunters to inform landowners someone may be on their property. The Law Enforcement Division Director for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) and a representative of the Kansas Livestock Association testified in opposition to the bill, stating the bill could create a barrier to lawful hunting and fishing and could create many

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logistical problems for landowners, hunters, and anglers. One private citizen submitted written-only testimony in opposition to the bill.

The House Committee recommended the removal of the contents of the original bill and replacement with modified language that would require a person following or pursuing a wounded game bird or animal to obtain permission, or written permission if required by the landowner, to enter the landowner's land.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, KDWPT states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Office of Judicial Administration states the bill would have a fiscal effect on the court system as it could result in increased time spent processing, researching, and hearing cases as they relate to criminal hunting. However, it is not possible to estimate how many new cases would be created as a result of the bill and a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*. An updated fiscal note was not immediately available.