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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2571

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2571 would amend the Liquor Control Act to allow a person whose spouse is employed as a law enforcement official to be eligible to receive a liquor license, provided the applicant meets the requirements in continuing law.

Current law prohibits licensure of a person whose spouse is employed as a law enforcement official.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

[*Note:* 2019 Supp. KSA 41-2623(a)(1), which establishes eligibility for licensure under the Club and Drinking Establishment Act, specifically references the eligibility provisions being amended in this bill.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Ellis.

In the House Committee hearing, proponent testimony was provided by a representative of Dirty Girl Adventures, LLC, who stated a spousal law enforcement exception would allow business owners who are not currently able to be

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licensed to provide a wider variety of services to their customers.

A representative of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Revenue (Department), provided neutral testimony, stating that the agency would suggest the exception be applied to all license types and the agency was concerned with a provision in the bill, as introduced, that the agency was concerned could have applied differently to statewide law enforcement officials.

The House Committee amended the bill to remove language that would have limited eligibility for licensure under the Club and Drinking Establishment Act to those persons whose spouse was employed as a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in a different county than the location of the licensee.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department estimates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.