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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 11, 2022
Subject: Senate Bill 345—Penalties for Unlawful Importation of Animals

Senate Bill 345 would authorize additional civil penalties for unlawful transportation of animals into the state.

Currently, K.S.A. 47-607c allows any person who violates the importation of livestock laws to be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine between \$100 and \$1,000 or imprisonment for a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of one year. SB 345 would change the penalty for such violation to a class A misdemeanor, which is a fine of up to \$2,500 and up to one year in jail.

Additionally, the bill would allow a civil penalty between \$100 and \$1,000 for each violation and in the case of a continuing violation, every day would be deemed a separate violation. Any such penalty imposed would be upon written order of the animal health commissioner and may be appealed within 20 days.

Any money collected pursuant to this section would be deposited in the state general fund.

Effective Date

SB 345 would take effect upon publication in the statute book.