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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 504

As Amended by House Committee on
Environment

Brief*

SB 504 would extend the sunset date for the provision of law which creates an exemption from the requirement that a hunter safety course be completed in order to obtain a special controlled shooting area hunting license. Under the bill, completion of the course would not be required until after July 1, 2005.

In addition, the bill also would amend two statutes administered by the Department of Wildlife and Parks. Specifically, the bill would allow persons having a permanent disability to use a conventional long bow or compound bow if certified by a person licensed to practice the healing arts in any state. Current law requires the certification by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas.

Further, the bill would allow certification by a person licensed to practice the healing arts in any state or a person licensed to practice optometry in any state to be given to individuals eligible to obtain a disability assistance permit and who cannot hunt or fish safely without assistance.

The bill also would allow persons under the age of 14 to be issued a permit to hunt wild turkey by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). These individuals would still need to be accompanied by an adult who is 21 or older. This provision of the bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

*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/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

The original bill would have eliminated the sunset date relating to those hunting on controlled shooting areas. Representatives of the Kansas Sport Hunting Association; the Flint Oak Ranch, LLC; Ravenwood Lodge; and Ringneck Ranch appeared in support of the original bill. A spokesperson from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks appeared to provide information.

The Senate Committee amended the original bill to extend the current sunset date until July 1, 2005.

The House Committee on Environment added the provisions of SB 430 and SB 431 to the bill.

The fiscal note on the original bill states that according to the Department of Wildlife and Parks, SB 504 would have no fiscal effect to the state.