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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 625

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 625 concerns the State Fire Marshal and provides for establishing certain fees for current programs (fire protection systems, fireworks, and explosives), and for establishing fees for a liquified propane gas and liquified petroleum gas registration and licensure program.

The maximum certification fee would be increased from \$200 to \$500. The bill expands the programs that would be subject to a certification fee to include fire detection and sprinkler systems, explosives and blasting agents, fireworks, flammable or combustible liquids, liquified propane gas, and liquified petroleum gas.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to:

- ! Include a definition of the term "business";
- ! Exempt from the bill a motor carrier which is properly registered with the State Corporation Commission, except for a motor carrier who is a liquified petroleum gas marketer; and
- ! Establish a new Liquified Propane Gas Advisory Committee to assist the State Fire Marshal in the adoption of rules and regulations relating to liquified petroleum gas.

Background

SB 625 was requested by the State Fire Marshal. Testifying in favor of the bill were representatives of the Fire Marshal, Reliance

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Energy Partners, the Propane Marketers Association of Kansas, and Farmway Co-Op. A representative of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association testified in opposition to the bill and requested that certain motor carriers be exempted from the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that the fiscal effects of SB 625 are impossible to estimate precisely. The Office of the State Fire Marshal estimates additional revenues from the certification fees of \$200,000 in FY 2003. The agency also estimates additional expenditures of \$254,005 in FY 2003 to support 8.0 new staff positions.