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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2992

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2992 would increase the fine for a person convicted of smoking in a public place to \$50. Current law makes it a misdemeanor to smoke in a public place designated as a nonsmoking area, punishable by a \$20 fine. Currently, the fine is to be credited to the following accounts: 7.99 percent to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, 1.45 percent to the Crime Victims Assistance Fund, 2.01 percent to the Community Alcoholism and Intoxication Programs Fund, and 2.01 percent to the Department of Corrections Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Fund with the remainder credited to the State General Fund. The additional \$30 would be credited to the State General Fund.

Background

The Executive Director of the Kansas Public Health Association, Inc. testified in support of the bill.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget states that the fiscal impact cannot be determined since the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) does not enforce the current statute. KDHE indicates that additional funding and 1.5 FTE positions would be necessary to enforce the statute.

*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>