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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 25

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 25 amends the sport shooting ranges law enacted in 2001 to make certain clarifications. The bill provides that a sport shooting range which was in existence and operating on July 1, 2001, was in compliance with generally accepted operation practices and was in compliance with any local ordinance or resolution in effect at the time of construction or initial operation may be able to continue in operation and expand.

The Senate Committee amended the bill in an attempt to provide further clarification.

The Senate Committee of the Whole deleted an amendment authorizing any local unit of government to enact and enforce an ordinance or resolution which provides for the elimination of a sport shooting range which does not comply with the above provisions. If a sport shooting range is closed or eliminated, the owner shall be paid compensation for the value of the real estate, any improvements, and for any economic loss resulting from the closing or elimination of the range.

Background

The bill was supported generally by the League of Kansas Municipalities and the City of Lenexa although concerns were expressed regarding the compensation provisions of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Rifle Association and a representative of the Ravenwood Lodge opposed the bill.

^{*}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/klrd

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.