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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2525

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2525 increases the penalty for the criminal use of explosives from a current level 8 to a level 6 person felony. The penalty for the criminal use of explosives involving the manufacture of the explosives; knowing the explosives will be used to commit a crime; when a safety officer is at risk to diffuse the explosive; or when the explosive is introduced in a building where another person is, is raised from a current level 6 to a level 5 person felony.

The Senate Committee modified the blanket class C fireworks exclusion from the definition of explosives to provide instead for coverage of class C 1.4 fireworks not used for a purpose intended by the manufacturer.

Background

Support for the bill was received on behalf of a district court judge in Reno County. The Deputy State Fire Marshal also expressed support for the bill.

The Senate Committee amendment was suggested by the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal.

The fiscal note indicates the likelihood of a workload reduction of court services officers due to the deletion of presumptive probation provisions. There could be an increased need for prison beds, possibly additional facility capacity, services for inmates, and eventually increased field supervision.

*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>