

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2668

As Amended by House Committee on
Tourism and Parks

Brief*

HB 2668, as amended, pertains to deer. The bill would require the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to state law, to establish a subunit within deer management units 7 and 8 and provide for a special season in the subunit which would extend by seven days the time currently provided for taking antlerless deer.

The provisions of the bill would expire on June 30, 2006.

Background

The bill, as introduced, would have required the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to have declared a season for the taking of deer in a county at the request of the county commissioners if upon certification by the county sheriff that 25 percent of the accidents in a county were caused by, or related to, deer. The season would have been at least seven days in length and could not have overlapped any other season for taking deer. The bag limits would have been one antlerless deer per day and no deer permits or game tags would have been required.

Conferees who testified in support of the bill in its original form included Representative Aurand and Representative Schwartz. Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and Dan Ward, Kansas Wildlife Federation, testified against the bill, as introduced.

The House Tourism and Parks Committee amendment was the product of a subcommittee's deliberations.

*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>

No updated fiscal note was available when the House Tourism and Parks Committee took action on the bill.