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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2545

As Recommended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2545 would add specific hallucinogenic drugs such as 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (Ecstasy) to the list of substances that are illegal to possess or have under one's control. A second conviction under the provisions of the bill would be a drug severity level 4 felony.

Background

Representative Barbara Craft appeared in support of the original bill. Also speaking in favor of the original bill were Lt. Mike Life, Junction City Police Department, and Jeff Brandau, Kansas Bureau of Narcotics Supervisor. Written testimony on behalf of the bill was offered by Ed Klumpp representing the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Peace Officers' Association.

Opposition to the original bill was submitted by Jennifer Roth, Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The fiscal note on the substitute bill was not available when the bill passed out of committee.

^{*}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