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### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 370

# As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

## **Brief\***

SB 370, as amended, would amend the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) to define the terms:

- "Immediate family member" to mean a parent, child, stepchild, or spouse;
- "Member of the military" to mean a member of the armed forces or national guard on active duty, or a member of an active reserve unit in the armed forces or national guard;
- "Protected consumer" to mean an elder person, a disabled person, a veteran, the surviving spouse of a veteran, and an immediate family member of a member of the military; and
- "Veteran" to mean a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

The bill also replaces the term "elder or disabled person" where it appears in the KCPA with the term "protected consumer."

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<sup>\*</sup>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

## **Background**

The proponents of the bill, as introduced, who presented testimony in the Senate Committee hearing were representatives of the American Legion Department of Kansas, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill in the Senate Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee, at the request of the proponents, amended the bill to expand the definition of immediate family member to include parent and to provide a definition of "member of the military."

According to the fiscal note on the bill, as introduced, passage of this bill would have no fiscal effect.