## SESSION OF 2004

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 48

As Recommended by House Committee on <u>Judiciary</u>

## Brief\*

The House Committee provisions allow a self storage operator to impose a late fee for each month an occupant does not pay rent when due in an amount of up to \$20 a month or 20 percent of the monthly rental amount, whichever is greater. These provisions are from HB 2738 as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

## Background

The original bill which imposed a cap on the amount an appeal bond could be required for defendants in a civil case against tobacco companies was supported by Atria Group Inc., the parent company of Philip Morris and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, as a means of insuring master settlement agreement companies have the ability to appeal civil judgments.

The original bill was opposed by the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition Inc., and the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

The original bill has no fiscal effect.

<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 <a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/klrd">http://www.kslegislature.org/klrd</a>