

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 312

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

SB 312, as amended by the House Appropriations Committee, reduces the statutory levy imposed on fire insurance premiums remitted to the Insurance Commissioner to support the operations of the State Fire Marshal from 1.25 percent to 0.8 percent of gross cash receipts on fire business in the state. The bill also directs that a 0.25 percent levy be remitted to the Insurance Commissioner to finance the operations of the Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The bill further directs 0.2 percent of the levy to be remitted to finance the operations of the Fire Service Training Program at the University of Kansas. The Fire Service Training Program is required to submit an annual report of expenditures and activities to the House Appropriations Committee by February 15 of each year beginning in 2005.

Background

The 2002 Legislature passed Senate Sub. for SB 508 which reduced the levy remitted to the State Fire Marshal's Office from 1.25 to 1.0 percent, directed the 0.25 percent levy to the Board of Emergency Medical Services, and placed a two-year sunset on the bill to allow the 2004 Legislature the opportunity to review its impact on the State Fire Marshal's office operations. 2004 Senate Bill 312, as introduced, continued the revenue stream of fire insurance premium receipts to the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the State Fire Marshal's Office and added a five-year sunset provision to the bill. The bill directed the 2009 Legislature to review the bill's impact on the two agencies.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means amended the bill to remove the five-year sunset provision. Proponents for the bill included

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the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Kansas Legislative Policy Group. No opponents appeared on the bill.

The House Appropriations Committee amended the bill to reduce the Fire Marshal's premium levy to 0.8 percent and added a 0.2 percent levy for the Fire Service Training Program at the University of Kansas. The Committee also inserted a provision requiring an annual report to the Appropriations Committee beginning in 2005. Proponents for the bill, as amended by the Senate, included the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Kansas Legislative Policy Group. Proponents for the amendment to add a levy for the Fire Service Training Program included the Kansas Fire Service Alliance and the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute. The Office of the State Fire Marshal also appeared on the bill supporting funding for the Fire Service Training Program and offering additional amendments.