

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2359

As Amended by House Committee on
Commerce and Labor

Brief*

HB 2359 requires any city or county that requires the licensure of plumbers and mechanical heating ventilation and air conditioning contractors to mandate that all persons receiving a certificate or license annually to obtain not less than six hours of approved continuing education.

Background

Those appearing in favor of the bill included representatives from the City of Topeka, Advanced Plumbing and Heating, Inc., the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and Kansas Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association. Letters of support were submitted on behalf of various trade organizations and the City of Wellington, Kansas Central Inspection Department.

Opposition was expressed on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities.

A conferee from the Kansas AFL-CIO urged the Committee to delay action on the bill until the results of a survey sent to plumbers are available.

The fiscal note indicates there would be administrative costs for those local governments that license the affected plumbers and mechanics.

*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>