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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2621

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2621 adds game warden dogs to the list of dogs (such as arson dogs and assistance dogs, etc.) that if injured, disabled, or killed, constitutes a criminal act punishable as a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

The bill would make intentionally killing, maiming, torturing, burning or mutilating, or causing serious physical injury to any animal a severity level 9, nonperson felony. Other actions constituting cruelty to animals would be a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

Background

An official with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) spoke in support of the bill.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill by making certain actions of cruelty to animals, a severity level 9, nonperson misdemeanor.

The fiscal note indicates no fiscal effect on KDWP. There could be an increase in convictions with a fiscal impact resulting from fines and jail time.

*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>