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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2294

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

### **Brief\***

HB 2294 would exempt those persons who have earned a certificate either under the provisions of law dealing with plumbing contractors and master and journeyman plumbers (KSA 12-1508) or those provisions dealing with contractors and master and journeymen who are heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanics (KSA 12-1541) from all licensure and training provisions of the Kansas Propane Safety and Licensing Act.

### **Background**

At the hearing on the bill proponents included Representatives Grange and Phelps; and representatives of the Propane Marketers Association, the Mechanical Trades Advisory Council, the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, and the Kansas Cooperative Council. Also appearing was a person representing Wichita Plumbing. Written testimony in support of the bill was received from a representative of the Kansas Building Industry Association. Proponents stated that the provisions of the Kansas Propane Safety and Licensing Act required individuals working in or around propane to become licensed and qualified with the Kansas State Fire Marshal. The conferees indicated that there were no exceptions to the Act for individuals who already held certificates of training in plumbing and in the area of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. There were no opponents to the bill.

The House Committee placed the bill on the Consent Calendar.

The fiscal note on the bill states that the State Fire Marshal estimates a loss of \$62,500 in propane revenue if 2,500 master plumbers and master heating, ventilation, and air conditioning tradesmen were no longer required to register. Currently, a \$25 fee is received for propane registration. Any fiscal effect resulting from this bill has not been included in *The FY 2008 Governor's Budget Report*.

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\*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>